

DJ(WWOL): *I'm sure it will. Well we look forward to hearing your new releases Buddy and thanks for joining me.*

LX: Lights up some more.

SX: The phone on the arm of the sofa rings.

BUDDY: Hello...yeah...Oh hi, I'm packed and ready... can you pick me up in about half an hour...

MARIA ELENA, wearing a night-dress, runs into the room crying.

MARIA: Buddy....

She moves for him.

BUDDY: (Into phone) I gotta go.

*Maria/Buddy*

He replaces the phone and comforts MARIA ELENA. Throughout the scene we sense that MARIA ELENA'S dreams are a common occurrence which BUDDY doesn't take too seriously.

BUDDY: What's the matter?

MARIA: I've had the dream again.

BUDDY: Oh come on now, sit down.

MARIA: It's so awful...

BUDDY: (Smiles) Look I've told you you've got to ignore these kinda things, they don't mean anything.

MARIA: There's this big awful fireball in the sky and the people running and screaming...

BUDDY: (Grinning) Honey will you forget it.

MARIA: I can't. Then I'm all alone.

BUDDY: It doesn't mean anything.

MARIA: It scares me.

BUDDY: Maria Elena will you stop this. It's only a dream, will you stop being frightened.

A moment.

MARIA: You'll keep the promise won't you?

BUDDY: I've promised you. Besides we're touring by bus, so stop being frightened.

MARIA: (Holding his hand) I don't want you to go on this tour Buddy.

BUDDY: I've no option, we need the money... for all our plans.

MARIA: But there's the royalties from the records.

BUDDY: It's not enough honey, and anyway this legal business with Petty is holding up the money coming through.

MARIA: I just don't like it if I can't be with you.

BUDDY: It's only a couple of weeks. (Puts his hand on her stomach) Anyway, you've got to take good care of little Buddy there. You know what the doctor said, you keep nice and quiet 'cause we don't want any problems.

MARIA ELENA nods her agreement.

MARIA: (She smiles) I'm sorry, you must think I'm a crazy woman.

BUDDY: Just a little....(she hits him playfully) Hey, I can live with it.

MARIA: Have you been up all night?

BUDDY: Uh, huh

MARIA: You must be tired

BUDDY: Yeah a little...but I've managed to do some work though.

MARIA: You don't say.

BUDDY: I do say (picks up his guitar). Now you listen to this.

MARIA: Now?

BUDDY: Yeah now. I've been working on this song just for you.

### **TRUE LOVE WAYS**

Just you know why  
 Why you and I  
 Will by and by  
 Know true love ways  
 Sometimes we'll sigh