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# Morning on a Rainy Day

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**Characters:**

Ben, 20s.

Pol, 20s.

**Scene:**

Ben's bed, Ben's room. morning on a rainy day.

***Production history:***

- April, 2002. Performed at Ranmoor Hall, Sheffield, by the Sheffield University Theatre Company.

- May, 2002. Performed at Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, by the nabokov company.

*Ben and Polly, in bed.*

**POL:** Aren't you going to say something?

**BEN:** What is there to say?

**POL:** Ben...

**BEN:** I'm glad you told me.

**POL:** Really?

**BEN:** Am I the first?

**POL:** Apart from –

**BEN:** Apart from the obvious.

**POL:** I meant to tell you at dinner. That was the point of having dinner, actually. Jennifer's nice.

**BEN:** She's scrumptious.

**POL:** I didn't - well, I wanted to tell just you. You know?

**BEN:** I do.

**POL:** She's very pretty.

**BEN:** She's got fabulous breasts. Maaaaate...!

**POL:** You disgust me.

**BEN:** You're looking good, Pol.

**POL:** You said this last night.

**BEN:** How much did you lose?

**POL:** More than a stone.

**BEN:** Didn't I tell you? Travelling - just burns it off.

**POL:** I remember you telling me.

**BEN:** Believe me now? You're tiny.

**POL:** You're making me self-conscious.

**BEN:** Sit up.

**POL:** Ben...

**BEN:** I reckon I can get my hands to fit around your waist.

**POL:** You always do this -

**BEN:** C'mon, sit up.

**POL:** I've lost some weight, let's leave it at that. Ben –

**BEN:** I was right.

They kiss.

**POL:** I don't like you making comments about the way I look.

**BEN:** But you look great.

**POL:** It upsets me.

**BEN:** Being told that you're gorgeous upsets you?

**POL:** I'm not gorgeous. I'm not scrumptious, either.

**BEN:** Ooh, catty.

**POL:** Why was Jennifer at dinner when it was supposed to be just us?

**BEN:** You like her, don't you?