

HOPE

You were rather brave with them.

BOBBY

I don't care for policemen. Not those two, anyway.

HOPE

Policemen protect the peace.

BOBBY

Do they?

HOPE

Usually.

(Pause.)

BOBBY

Didn't I see you down by the amenity this morning?

HOPE

That was me. I was rushing off to work, first day.

BOBBY

Find your way all right?

HOPE

The gleaming tower on the hill? Couldn't miss it.

BOBBY

Beautiful.

HOPE

It's rather shiny, that's true enough.

(Pause.)

BOBBY

Did you mean what you said to those policemen? About everyone having a heart?

HOPE

Well, sure I did.

BOBBY

Because ... well, because mine feels awful cold just now.

HOPE

Cold?

BOBBY

Or empty. One of the two.

HOPE

Not because of me, I hope?

BOBBY

Oh no. Because of something I did.

BOBBY

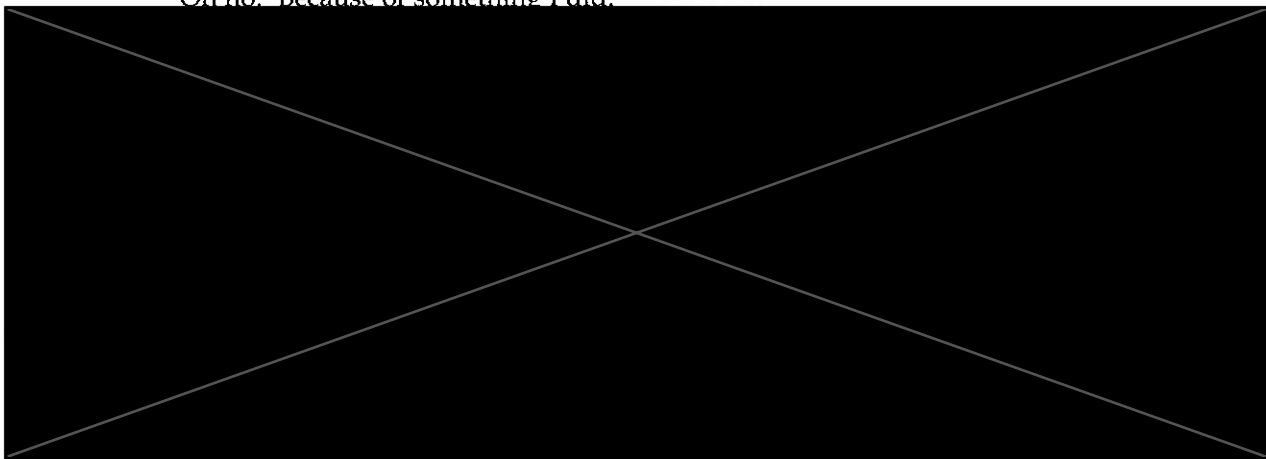
Or, rather, something I didn't do.

HOPE

If it feels cold, then it must still be there, don't you think?

BOBBY

Unless there's a vacuum where it used to be.



HOPE

A vacuum? In your chest? It sounds so implausible.

BOBBY

I did something wrong this morning is all I'm trying to say. I can't seem to get it out of my head.

HOPE

The vacuum?

BOBBY

My action. I let someone down that I love dearly. I feel real bad about it.

HOPE

Well, maybe that's nature's way of telling you that now's the time to lift someone up?

BOBBY

Really?

HOPE

Sure. Do you think you'd be feeling as bad as you do if you didn't have a heart?

(Musical vamp begins for "Follow Your Heart.")

