

= All Good Things ... (The Hills) =

" All Good Things ... " is the series finale of The Hills . It originally aired on MTV on July 13 , 2010 . In the episode , Lo Bosworth moves into a house with her boyfriend , while Stephanie Pratt begins a romantic relationship . Audrina Patridge finds a house in Hermosa Beach , and Kristin Cavallari decides to leave Los Angeles and move to Europe . The series ' final scene reveals that her departure to the airport was filmed in a studio backlot , responding to longtime speculation that the program was scripted .

" All Good Things ... " was produced by Adam DiVello , Michael Friedman , Liz Gateley , Josh Lansky , Kristofer Lindquist , and Sara Mast . In addition to being the final episode , it serves as the twelfth installment of the sixth season . The episode received mixed reviews from critics , who were ambivalent towards the final scene . According to Nielsen ratings , it was watched by 3 million viewers , becoming the peak viewership of the season . The episode was released on DVD on September 21 , 2010 , packaged with the remainder of the sixth season .

Upon the conclusion of their month @-@ long morning marathon of The Hills , titled " RetroMTV Brunch " , MTV aired an alternate ending to the series on August 9 , 2013 . The scene replaced the original backlot clip with footage of Jenner and Lauren Conrad talking in his apartment . Critics appreciated Conrad 's return , but also felt that the revision was less shocking than the original clip .

= = Plot = =

As Audrina , Lo , Stephanie find themselves content with their lives , Kristin is unsure whether she should pursue her future endeavors . Brody believes that he can maintain a friendship with Kristin , though Frankie and Taylor are concerned that she may still have romantic feelings towards him . That evening , Kristin tells Stacie that she has decided to move to Europe , wanting to have a " new beginning " , though Stacie is concerned that she is seeking revenge against Brody .

Meanwhile , Audrina purchases a home in Hermosa Beach , while Stephanie begins a romantic relationship with Josh . To the surprise of the guests , Brody attended Kristin 's farewell party that evening . He confesses that he is saddened by her move , but she maintains that the decision is in her best interest . The next day , after much prior deliberation , Lo moves into her boyfriend Scott 's house and begins unpacking her belongings .

Brody visits Kristin and Stacie as they pack the last of her belongings before leaving for the airport . After giving their final goodbyes , Brody sees Kristin 's limousine off while it drives off her street . As Kristin looks out of the window , a montage of archived footage from the series ' earlier seasons is shown . In the final scene of the series , with the camera on Brody , the Hollywood Hills backdrop is pulled away , while the camera pans back to reveal that the entire scene was filmed on a backlot . In reality , the vehicle had not driven off and Kristin stepped out of the vehicle to hug Jenner .

An alternate ending to the series was broadcast in August 2013 . The scene depicts Brody returning to his apartment after seeing Kristin 's limousine off to Europe . Lauren Conrad is revealed to be sitting on his couch , and comforts him that " it 's hard to say goodbye " to a " friend of [his] " , before the camera focuses on a smiling Lauren .

= = Production = =

" All Good Things ... " was produced by Adam DiVello , Michael Friedman , Liz Gateley , Josh Lansky , Kristofer Lindquist , and Sara Mast . The sixth season was first announced in December 2009 , and was confirmed to be the final season in March 2010 . Upon the announcement , speculation arose that original focal point Lauren Conrad would return for the finale . Her former boss Lisa Love suggested that a scene could be filmed of the pair reuniting in Paris , while series creator DiVello wished to see Conrad getting married , presumably to her then @-@ boyfriend Kyle Howard . Cavallari stated that it would be " amazing " to see Conrad return , adding that her appearance would provide the program with " closure " . Ultimately , Conrad did not appear in the final episode , but was featured in the live aftershow , The Hills Live : A Hollywood Ending .

DiVello stated that two versions of the final installment were filmed . He provided the MTV with both episodes , and added that he was unaware which version had been selected until it was broadcast . In July 2010 , Jenner stated that he had filmed an alternate ending of the series with Conrad , where " I [would] come back home , and basically Lauren 's at my place [and I tell her about saying goodbye to a friend] . We filmed this whole lovey @-@ dovey scene as if me and Lauren had been together this entire time " , which she confirmed that September .

Upon the conclusion of their month @-@ long morning marathon of The Hills , titled " RetroMTV Brunch " , MTV aired the alternate ending to the series on August 9 , 2013 , which was revealed to be the clip Conrad and Jenner had previously mentioned . DiVello had stated that he preferred the second ending , and upon learning that MTV had not selected it as the original finale , persuaded the network to broadcast the clip .

= = Reception and release = =

" All Good Things ... " was met with generally mixed reviews from critics , many of whom were ambivalent towards the final scene . Despite criticizing the episode 's recurring theme of moving on , Emma Rosenblum from Vulture appreciated the ending as an " interesting twist " . Andy Dehnart of Reality Blurred felt that , from a production standpoint , the final scene was " really well @-@ done " and appeared realistic despite being filmed in a backlot . In contrast , Chadwick Matlin was displeased to see producers " capitalizing " on the controversy surrounding longtime scripting allegations , which he felt exploited its naive teenage fanbase . A writer for Daily News described the episode as " bittersweet " and " emotional " , but felt that the program " overstayed its welcome " . Megan Friedman from Time called the ending " surprisingly smart " , but felt it did not leave an impact on viewers who were already skeptical of the series ' truthfulness .

Similarly , critics were ambivalent towards the alternate finale . Jenna Mullins from E ! praised Conrad 's return as being " shocking and glorious at the same time " , and felt that " clearly [viewers] should all prefer the ending with Lauren Conrad . " Kaitlin Reilly from Bustle described the suggestion of another love triangle involving Conrad and Cavallari to " [feel] vaguely like the ending to a horror movie " in that " it 's starting again " , but nonetheless appreciated the ending as " a wink to loyal fans " . Billy Niles from Zap2It noted that there was " no winking nod to a soundstage " , and opined that " nothing that freaking awesome happened . " Sonya Sorich of the Ledger @-@ Enquirer preferred the original conclusion , commenting that the revised clip was not as " startling " as the first . Lindsey Weber from Vulture suggested that the footage felt like a " total soap opera " in that it seemingly acknowledged that portions of the series were fabricated .

In its original broadcast in the United States on July 13 , 2010 , " All Good Things ... " was watched by 3 million viewers . In doing so , it became the peak viewership of the season . In the country , the sixth season was released as a two @-@ disc DVD set on September 21 , 2010 .