## Check (Jos)

## IT STARTED WAY BACK

IN THIRD GRADE I USED TO SIT
BESIDE EMMYLOU HAYES A PINK DRESS,
A MATCHING BOW IN HER PONYTAIL SHE
ON THE SCHOOL BUS BUT TOLD ME NOT TO

KISSED ME

YOU DO

THE HAND

**LOVE GOES** 

ON THE SCHOOL BUS BUT TOLD ME NOT TO TELL NEXT DAY I CHASED HER 'ROUND THE PLAYGROUND 'CROSS THE MONKEY BARS TO THE MERRY-GO-ROUND AND EMMYLOU GOT CAUGHT PASSING ME A NOTE BEFORE THE TEACHER TOOK IT I READ WHAT SHE WROTE "DO YOU LOVE ME? DO YOU WANNA BE MY FRIEND? AND IF YOU DO WELL THEN DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE ME BY THE HAND IF YOU WANT TO I THINK THIS IS HOW LOVE GOES CHECK YES OR NO" NOW WE'RE GROWN UP AND SHE'S MY WIFE STILL LIKE TWO KIDS WITH STARS IN OUR EYES AIN'T MUCH CHANGED, I STILL CHASE EMMYLOU UP AND DOWN THE HALL, AROUND THE BED IN OUR ROOM LAST NIGHT I TOOK HER OUT IN A WHITE LIMOUSINE TWENTY YEARS TOGETHER SHE STILL GETS TO ME CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN THAT LONG AGO WHEN WE GOT STARTED WITH JUST A LITTLE NOTE "DO YOU LOVE ME? DO YOU WANNA BE MY FRIEND? AND IF YOU DO WELL THEN DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE ME BY THE HAND IF YOU WANT TO I THINK THIS IS HOW LOVE GOES CHECK YES OR NO" "DO YOU LOVE

ME? DO YOU WANNA BE MY FRIEND? AND IF WELL THEN DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE ME BY IF YOU WANT TO I THINK THIS IS HOW CHECK YES OR NO" CHECK YES OR NO CHECK YES OR

NO CHECK YES OR NO

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