

Donut Holes in Orbit

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Joey: twenty-four

Dramatic

Joey's best friend, Alice, is leaving the country to go to college. He has admitted to her that he is in love with her. But that love is unrequited. It's strictly platonic. Here, he's saying good-bye.

JOEY: Alice. I wanted to say, um, that you've . . . uh . . . been a really important part of my life, you know. I don't know if you know that or believe it, but it's true. I mean, I've lived in Modesto all my life, and I'm pretty much gonna die here, and everything here's so . . . the *same*, you know what I'm saying? I always know what's gonna happen every day, and it can be pretty boring. *(Pause.)* But out of all those predictable things that I can expect to see every day, I . . . always look forward to seeing you. I really do. *(Pause.)* And I understand what we talked about, and I understand how you feel and everything, and I just want you to know that I don't hold it against you or anything, and I don't know, I'm rambling, and I guess this is just my way of saying that I'm really gonna miss you. Alice. I'm gonna miss you a lot.