

MISS PAT (w/Frankie)

INT. DINER - DAY

Frankie sits at a booth after arguing with his sister, Zoe. Miss Pat, the owner of the diner approaches him.

MISS PAT

Can I say something to you, Frankie?

FRANKIE

Sure.

MISS PAT

I know you're just trying real hard to look out for Zoe. She's really wonderful.

FRANKIE

We only have each other.

MISS PAT

I know. So I don't want you to worry about her tonight. She'll be with me and I'll bring her home later on.

He looks surprised.

FRANKIE

Oh okay. Thanks. Thanks for letting me know that. I would've been driving all over town looking for her.

MISS PAT

I know. Since that's what you did last week.

FRANKIE

Oh, you saw me?

MISS PAT

A couple different times.

Frankie laughs at himself.

MISS PAT (CONT'D)
You're a good guy, Frankie.

His smile slowly fades. He doesn't believe her. He looks down.

MISS PAT (CONT'D)
And I love you.

He slowly raises his eyes to meet hers.

FRANKIE
I love you, too, Miss Pat. Why do say that to everyone?

MISS PAT
Because sometimes life is so crushing, people forget they're loved. And me? I'm just here to remind them.

She smiles.