Marianne and Connell sit together at a university party.

MARIANNE
I've missed you.

CONNELL
Yeah, you two. I was a bit worried when you left school and that, I- I was pretty down about it.

MARIANNE
Well we never hung out much during school hours.

CONNELL
Oh yeah.

MARIANNE
What about Rachel? You still together?

CONNELL
How'd you hear about that? Through your brother?

MARIANNE
Saw photos on facebook.

CONNELL
Ah. No, um, we broke up actually.

MARIANNE
Oh, sorry.

CONNELL
I don't think we were that compatible really.

MARIANNE
I reckon I could have told you that.

CONNELL
Well maybe you should have. It would have helped actually. (beat) You weren't really replying to my texts at the time so -

MARIANNE
I felt a somewhat abandoned Connell.

CONNELL
Yeah I felt a bit abandoned myself, didn't I? You disappeared. The Rachel thing- ah it wasn't serious or anything.

MARIANNE
That's not really why I left.

CONNELL
Right.

MARIANNE
More of a last straw sort of thing.

CONNELL
Yeah. I wondered if that was what it was.

MARIANNE
Really?

CONNELL
Yeah.

MARIANNE
Maybe you're telepathic.

CONNELL
You know I used to think I could read your mind at times.

MARIANNE
In bed you mean?

CONNELL
Yeah-- and afterwards but- but maybe that's normal.

MARIANNE
It's not.

A long silence then -

CONNELL
You look really well.

MARIANNE
I know, it's classic me. I came to college and got pretty.

CONNELL
No you were always pretty, very pretty. You're um- you're beautiful.

MARIANNE
Well I haven't heard that one in a while.

CONNELL
Does Gareth not tell you you're beautiful and all? He's probably very busy doing amateur drama or something.

MARIANNE
Debating. And you're being cruel.

CONNELL
Yeah I clocked that. See I thought I was bad going out with Rachel Moore, but your boyfriend is a holocaust denier.

MARIANNE
He's just into free speech. (beat) OK so we both failed on idealogical purity.

CONNELL
Yeah.

MARIANNE
Are you dating anyone problematic at the moment?

CONNELL
No, not even anyone good.

MARIANNE
Finding it hard to meet people here?

CONNELL
Bit different from home I suppose.

MARIANNE
Hmm. Probably why I'm good at it. (beat) I have some girlfriends I could introduce them to.

CONNELL
Oh yeah?

MARIANNE
Yeah. I have those now.

CONNELL
Not sure I'd be their type.

MARIANNE
What do you mean?

CONNELL
I don't know.

MARIANNE
What's not to like about you?

CONNELL
That's a good question. I don't know.