

Cut for Ann, Kate, Sandy *A Case for Marriage*.

Scene 2 – Later that night. SANDY, KATE and ANN enter the house. It's obvious they've been drinking for a while. ANN is clearly sloshed, and is a bit unsteady. KATE is the most sober (probably the designated driver).

ANN

... And another thing I'm gonna tell you.

KATE

You've been telling us a lot.

ANN

I'm gonna tell you more, OK? The public? They say they're all for gay marriage. You know? But they aren't. They aren't.

SANDY

They aren't?

ANN

Nope. They don't like us. Some of 'em say they do. But they don't.

KATE

C'mon, Ann – it's not that bad. It's getting better.

ANN

OK. Try it. Just go out there an' introduce me as your wife. An' – watch. Just watch their reaction.

KATE

God. You're right.

SANDY

What? What happens?

KATE

First – the smile. Big fake smile.

ANN

Fake smile.

KATE

And then, they get this get this look of ... I'm trying to think of the right word ... distaste?

ANN

Revulsion.

SANDY

Really? That bad?

KATE

After four years with Jill, you haven't noticed? Come on!

SANDY

(tersely) We're not married. So then what?

ANN

I dunno. Then they sort of try to hide it, and they put on a big smile and then they go (squealing) Oh, I'm so happy for you! (In her normal voice). Like they're talking to a kindergartener. Buncha phonies.

KATE

At least they're trying. It's getting better.

ANN

Oh yeah. Haven't been spat on in a while.

SANDY

Someone spat on you?

ANN

Kate's brother.

SANDY
Oh. Sorry.

KATE
He was drunk. He got over it.

SANDY
Does he – is he OK with you and Ann now?

ANN
Sure, now he stays in the same room.

KATE
It's not that bad. He talked to you at Christmas.

ANN
Yeah, he let me know how much he hated all this "gay marriage" crap. Merry Christmas.

KATE
Oh.

SANDY
That's an argument in favor of getting married?

KATE
OK, there have been some bumps in the road. But, it's worth it. (Looks lovingly at ANN). It is absolutely worth it.

SANDY
I'm glad you two are happy. Good for you! But that doesn't mean I should get married! (to KATE). And you promised we wouldn't talk about this!

KATE
I promised not to talk about the Supreme Court case.

ANN
(The pin drops) Are you getting married?

SANDY
No.

ANN
That's stupid. You and Jill. You're so compatible, it's almost gross. You should get married. Why not?

SANDY
Why not? Like I've been saying, I don't see why we need to get married at all.
OK? It's not like we're
going to have kids or something. It's great to have that choice, but –

KATE --But?

SANDY
Things are fine the way they are. We're happy.

KATE
Unh-unh. You're happy. Jill wants to get married.

SANDY
And, there's some other stuff ...

KATE
What?

SANDY