

Transition from moon reflecting in the water to dawn.

**INT. RONNIE'S APARTMENT - BEDROOM - DAY**

Morning sun floods the room. Close on Loretta, she wakes up.

**LORETTA**

Oh my God.

**RONNY**

What?

Loretta jumps from bed, grabs her clothes to cover herself, and backs into closet.

**LORETTA**

What? What have we done?

**RONNY**

(perturbed)

Take it easy.

**LORETTA**

(from closet as she  
hurriedly gets dressed)

This time I was trying to do  
everything right.

**RONNY**

(he grabs a bathrobe,  
pulls it on, puts it  
on and moves towards  
the closet.)

Don't just become excited.

**LORETTA**

I thought if I stayed away from the  
City Hall, I won't have that Bad  
Luck I had again.

**RONNY**

You're trying to make me feel guilty.

**LORETTA**

I'm marrying your brother!

**RONNY**

All right, I'm guilty. I confess!

**LORETTA**

You're invited to the wedding! It's  
in a few weeks. Why didn't you do  
like him and be with your dying mother  
in Palermo?

**RONNY**

She didn't like me.

**LORETTA**

You don't get along with anybody!

**RONNY**

What did you do?

**LORETTA**

What did I do?

**RONNY**

You ruined my life.

**LORETTA**

That's impossible! It was ruint when  
I got here! You ruint my life!

**RONNY**

Oh no I didn't!

Loretta emerges from the closet, tucking in her blouse.

**LORETTA**

Oh yes, oh yes you did! You've got those bad eyes like a gypsy! Why didn't I see it yesterday! Bad Luck! Is that all I'm ever gonna have? Why didn't I just pick up a stone and kill myself years and years ago? I'm gonna marry him!

**RONNY**

What?

**LORETTA**

Last night never happened, you hear me? I'm gonna marry him anyway and last night never happened, and you and I are gonna take this to our coffins!

**RONNY**

I can't do that!

**LORETTA**

Why not?

**RONNY**

I'm in love with you!

Loretta stares at him in alarm, slaps his face, then studies his face to see the effect of the slap. She is dissatisfied and slaps him again.

**LORETTA**

Snap out of it!

**RONNY**

I can't!

**LORETTA**

Alright. Then I must never see you

again. The bad blood will have to stay there between you and Johnny for all time. You won't come to the wedding.

**RONNY**

I'll come to the wedding.

**LORETTA**

I'm telling you you can't.

**RONNY**

But he wants me to come!

**LORETTA**

But that's cause he don't know!

**RONNY**

Alright. I will not come. Provided one thing.

**LORETTA**

What?

**RONNY**

That you come with me tonight. Once. To the Opera.

**LORETTA**

What are you talking about?

**RONNY**

I love two things. I love you, and I love the Opera. If I can have the two things that I love together for one night, I will be satisfied to give up the rest of my life.

**LORETTA**

Alright.

**RONNY**

Alright. Meet me at the Met.

**LORETTA**

Alright. Where's the Met?

**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITTLE ITALY - DAY**

Camera moves from stained glass windows to confessional.

Loretta is next in line of THREE SINNERS waiting to go into the confessional. A FORGIVEN WOMAN emerges from the curtained booth and walks off to pay her penance. Loretta goes into the booth.

**INT. CHURCH - CONFESSIONAL - DAY**

Loretta kneels. The slide opens and an OLD PRIEST'S FACE can be seen in outline through the screen.

**LORETTA**

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.  
It's been two months since my last  
confession.

**PRIEST**

What sins have you to confess?

**LORETTA**

Twice I took the name of God in vain,  
once I slept with the brother of my  
fianc~~e~~, and once I bounced a check  
at the liquor store -- but that was  
really an accident.

**PRIEST**

Then it was not a sin. But what was  
that second thing you said, Loretta?