

"BRIGHT" EXCERPT BY ASHA NOEL IYER

SUMMER

I'm sorry my texting you made it harder for you. I didn't know that.

AIDEN

No that's... totally okay.

A beat

AIDEN (CONT'D)

(Smiling) Look at us! Communicating and stuff.

SUMMER

(Laughs) Yeah.

AIDEN

And look, this time I won't stop talking to you because-

SUMMER

..Wait what?

AIDEN

This time I-

SUMMER

(Very caught off guard and suddenly very stern) Don't do that-

AIDEN

-Jesus Summer we were fourteen years old! And you're saying you aren't holding me to actions we took back then but actually you sort of are. And I'm here saying I want you but you're so focused on back then that you're actually being really unfair to me right now!

SUMMER

Wait when... sorry when did this become you being here to say you want me?

AIDEN

Cooool so that's how you're going to turn this around.

SUMMER

What?! Aiden I don't.. I didn't..
Maybe you should just go.

AIDEN

Right. Right go now because you
can't handle the idea that you
giving up on us now is the same
thing that I did back then.

SUMMER

There's no us anymore! Don't you
get that it's been YEARS and now
it's just ME and YOU!

AIDEN

EXACTLY! ME AND YOU!

SUMMER

NO God that's not what I meant.

AIDEN

Why are you so against this? What
happened to "I'm Summer I'm
adventurous let's just try and find
out?" I mean Jesus Summer for being
the most carefree person I know
you're being awfully stubborn right
now.

SUMMER

I'm not care free I care about you.
I care about you but that doesn't
mean it's good for me to be with
you!

AIDEN

We are seventeen how can you know
that?!

SUMMER

I just do.

AIDEN

Well I don't.

SUMMER

Well I don't know what to say.

AIDEN

Well I don't know what to say
either.

They are silent for a moment or four.