

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

FOREST(18) and DEMI(18) sit atop Forest's roof. It's dark outside, but Demi and Forest can see each other in the streetlights' glow from beneath them.

DEMI

EEK. My heart is beating so fast,
I'm not very good with heights.

FOREST

You're fine. You could be a lot
higher up.

Forest grabs Demi's chin and tilts her head up. He points to the sky full of pulsing stars.

FOREST (CONT'D)

And besides; you know that I'll
catch you if you fall.

Demi moves her face closer to Forest's to mock him.

DEMI

Oh totally, you and your huge
muscles.

Demi leaves a red lipstick mark on Forest's stubble. The two lie down.

DEMI (CONT'D)

Oh I totally forgot-

Demi reaches in her pocket and pulls out her phone.

DEMI (CONT'D)

-I found a new song I think you'd
like.

FOREST

Ooh lets listen.

Forest plugs his wired headphones into Demi's phone. They both take one headphone and plug them into an ear.

DEMI

It's called "I Love You."

Demi presses play on the song. "I Love You," by Fontaines D.C. For the rest of the film, the song plays; sometimes louder and in the foreground, sometimes only faintly in the background.

Forests heart beats louder. It blends into the beat of the song.

START FLASHBACK

INT. CORA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Forest sits at the foot of CORA(16)'s bed, the back of his head rests between her legs.

The song is playing from a speaker on Cora's dresser.

Forest's fashion is less developed, and he doesn't have any facial hair. He is younger but only by a couple of years.

CORA

This is good. Where'd you hear
this?

Cora taps her foot to the beat; simultaneously kicking Forest in the chest.

FOREST

It's been my go-to comfort song for
as long as I can remember. My dad
would play it to me as a baby.

CORA

Well tell you're dad he has great
music taste.

FOREST

I know right. 16 years on this
planet and the first song I ever
heard still holds up as the best.

CORA

No wonder you gave up on having
actually good taste.

Forest tilts his head up at Cora to give her an offended look: arched brows and a stuck-out tongue.

FOREST

Shut up. I'm trying to listen to
the song.

CORA

Oh whatever-

Cora swings her legs off the bed and walks to the door.

CORA (CONT'D)

I'm going to the bathroom, I'll be
right back dork.

Cora leaves.

Forest chuckles to himself. He takes a moment to soak in the song. He closes his eyes and smiles, the thought of Cora makes his heart skip a beat.

Bum. Bum. Bum... Bum. Bum. Bum.

START SERIES OF SHOTS

The song takes the forefront. Every other sound is muffled at best.

BUM. BUM.

Forest and Cora sit in class. Forest draws a caricature of their TEACHER on a piece of paper; then folds it up and passes it to Cora.

Cora looks at the picture. Laughs. Writes something of her own. Then passes the paper back to Forest.

Forest looks at the paper. Cora has written "I love you," on it. Forest blushes.

BUM. BUM.

Cora and Forest walk together early in the morning. The sun rises behind them.

Forest mutters something inaudible to Cora. She laughs.

Forest reaches out and holds her hand.

BUM. BUM.

An image of a text conversation flies on screen.

Cora is saved in Forest's phone as "Cora <3"

FOREST (TEXT)

It's January 3rd You know what that means

CORA (TEXT)

hump day

FOREST (TEXT)

No Our anniversary

CORA (TEXT)

i know im js jokin

BUM. BUM.

Cora answers a knock at her door. It's Forest. He bursts in. His hair is disheveled. His eyebags are sunken. He paces in the middle of her living room.

Cora comes from behind Forest and hugs him. Tears stream down Forest's face.

Forest wipes his tears before turning around to face Cora.

BUM. BUM. BUM. BUM.

INT./EXT. FOREST'S CAR - NIGHT

Forest sits in his car. He drives fast under the dim streetlights.

The song is playing on the car stereo. He hums along and taps the steering wheel.

Forest hears a ding from his phone. It's from Cora. Forest glances down at his phone.

CORA (TEXT)
that was a fun movie date

Forest smiles.

Another ding. Forest glances down again.

CORA (TEXT) (CONT'D)
u were right pulp fiction is
overrated

Forest chuckles.

He looks up and sees a car zoom past him, only inches in front of him. Forest slams on the brakes, barely avoiding a wreck

His heart beats rapidly.

BumBumBumBumBumBum.

Forest sits still for a moment before resting his head on the steering wheel.

He cups his head in his hands and breathes heavily.

BumBumBumBumBumBum.

Forest reaches for his phone and turns the volume up on the song.

BumBum. BumBum. BumBum.

Forest breathes deep. He lets himself soak in the song.

Bum. BumBum. Bum. BumBum.

As he sits back in the seat and listens to the song, his heart beat evens out and fades into the song.

Bum. Bum. Bum. Bum.

Forest lets out a long sigh of relief.

Bum. Bum.

He grabs his phone to respond to Cora.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Forest and Cora sit in class.

The song is very faint and almost inaudible.

Forest has a piece of paper that he's doodling another ridiculous picture of the teacher.

Once his masterpiece is finished, Forest passes the paper to Cora.

Cora opens the paper and slightly smirks. She sighs. She writes on the paper, for longer than usual, then folds it up and passes it back to Forest.

With a large grin, Forest opens up the paper. Once the paper is open, Forest traces the note with his eyes. Slowly, his smile fades.

Forest raises his hand. The teacher acknowledges him. Forest points to the door. The teacher sighs then nods.

The writing on the note says "i think we should break up- Cora"

INT. BATHROOM STALL - CONTINUOUS

Forest sits with his head in his lap in the cramped bathroom stall.

Tears stream down his cheeks. His breathing is abnormal. He grabs at his face.

His heart rate is rapid.

BUMBUMBUMBUMBUMBUMBUM

He raises the volume on his phone. Its the song.

He tries to soak in his comfort song but images of Cora keep popping back in his mind. His heart beat only gets more sparatic

BU-MB-UM-BU-MB-UM-BU-MB-UM-BU-MB

--Him and Cora dancing in Cora's room.

BUMBUMBUMBUMBUMBUMBUM

--Him leaning through Cora's window to give her a kiss.

B-UMBU-MBU-MBUM-BUM-BUMB-UM

--Him and Cora walking together in the snow, holding hands.

END FLASHBACK

EXT. ROOFTOP - CONTINUOUS

Forest is still lying next to Demi on his roof. He stares into the Abyss above him. His heart beat is still rapid.

The song still plays in his ear.

B-U-M-B-U-M-B-U-M

DEMI

What're you thinking of the song so far?

Beat.

Demi looks at the vacant expression on Forest's face.

DEMI (CONT'D)

Are you okay?

Demi reaches down and holds Forest's hand.

BUM-BUM-BUM-BUM

Bum Bum Bum

Bum. Bum.

Forest's heart beat returns to normal and joins in the song.

Demi rests her head on Forest's chest.

Her heart beat joins Forest's and the rhythm of the song.

Bum. Bum. Bum. Bum.

Forest blinks his eyes open then closed. He looks up into the sky and sees the stars pulsing to the same beat as his, Demi's, and the song's.

Bum.

Bum.

Bum.

Bum.

Bum.

Bum.

Bum.