

OSCAR
Antony.

(Beat 79.)

ALFIE
How do /

OSCAR
What's wrong with your hand

ALFIE
From earlier, when I cut myself.

OSCAR
You ok?

ALFIE
I don't know. It hurts.
How did you / know

OSCAR
Your phone.

ALFIE
Oh.

OSCAR
You love him?

ALFIE
He--
I don't
Let's not talk about it.
I'm here
I belong here with

(ALFIE reaches for a stem and
bag, OSCAR snatches them
first, tosses them aside.)

OSCAR
Why are you here?

ALFIE
I told you I / (didn't have anywhere else to go.)

OSCAR
I nearly
Can what I
almost
did, can it
Can you forgive it?

ALFIE
Are you sorry?

(Beat 80.)

ALFIE (CONT'D)
I get it
Right?
I understand it.

OSCAR
You feel it too but...

ALFIE
What.

OSCAR
I
don't want to be the
cause of it.

ALFIE
It's inescapable, so / (I have no choice.)

OSCAR
Alfie
I think you should
go back to him
Leave.

ALFIE
Ha.

OSCAR
I'm serious.

ALFIE
He doesn't want to see me again.

OSCAR
What did he say?

(Beat 81.)

OSCAR (CONT'D)
I can see it in your eyes, I
Because
and because I understand it
The doubt, it
Guilt
You feel like he's
better off without
you.
So you leave

(Beat 82.)

ALFIE

But you understand

OSCAR

Yes but you don't.

ALFIE

We're the same--
you said it yourself--

OSCAR

I'm finding
I think
that I am...
I am like you
but
you
are not
like me.

ALFIE

What does that even
I'm choosing this
just like /

OSCAR

I am not
choosing to live like this
anymore.
Now I'm just trying to survive
to live
with the / consequences.

ALFIE

What do you mean?

OSCAR

Nothing.

ALFIE

But

OSCAR
(Overlapping.)

Nothing.

ALFIE

You say
You tell me that
this
All this is

(MORE)

ALFIE (CONT'D)

You have no choice
You say that when you look into my eyes
you see this pain.
But man I'll tell you
I see it too.
You say I don't understand
I might.

OSCAR

You couldn't believe it.

(Beat 83.
They embrace, then kiss.
Beat 84: OSCAR cries.)

OSCAR (CONT'D)

I
had written a book