

2. **GAYLE** — From “ Getting it Back” [**Female Identifying Auditioners**]

*(It is in the evening at the apartment of a couple who have been dating for some time. She has entered obviously upset about something. The dialogue below happens in the middle of the conversation)*

**GAYLE:** .... And now, I think it's only fair for you to give me mine back because ... I want it back — All the love I gave to you?

LENDALL: Yeah?

**GAYLE:** I want it back....So go get it. *(Lendall doesn't move)* Lendall, go get it. *(Lendall still doesn't move)* Please ..... Now!!!

LENDALL: *(a little at a loss)* Okay. *(He exits and returns with a little red pouch)* **GAYLE:** What is that?

LENDALL: It's all the love you gave me.

**GAYLE:** That's — ....? That is *not* —. There is no way — ... That is *not* —. *(Mortified)* Is that all I gave you?

LENDALL: It's all I could find ...

**GAYLE:** Oh, okay. *(Taking in the little bag .... And then the big bags she has carried in)* Okay. *(And now she's crying.)*

LENDALL: Gayle ... What's goin' on here?

**GAYLE:** I told you. We're done.

LENDALL: Why do you keep saying that?

**GAYLE:** Because — *(This is hard to say, but has to be said )* Because when I asked you if you ever thought we were gonna get married – remember when I asked you that? ... In December? ..... It was snowing?

LENDALL: Yeah.

**GAYLE:** Yeah, when I asked you ... *that*, you got so .... *Quiet*. And everybody said that right there .... Shoulda told me everything.

LENDALL: Everybody, *who*?

**GAYLE:** Everybody!

LENDALL: Who?

**GAYLE:** .... Marvalyn >

LENDALL: *Marvalyn?!?* Marvalyn said that, like she's an expert?

**GAYLE: said — yes , Marvalyn, yes, said that how quiet you got was all I needed to know, and she's right: You don't love me.**

LENDALL: What —? Gayle, no!

**GAYLE: Shh! And I've been trying to fix that, I've tried to make you love me by giving you every bit of love I had, and now ... I don't have any love for *me* left, and that's ... that's not good for a person .... And that's why I want all the love I gave you back, because I wanna bring it with me.**

LENDALL: Where are you going?

**GAYLE: I need to get away from things.**

LENDALL: What — ? What things?! There aren't any things in this town to get away from.

**GAYLE: Yes there are — You!**