



Grandmother Conversation

Kristin: Hey, how's it goin'? I'm home.

Joe: Hey, yeah, I'm in here.

Kristin: Oh. Okay.

Joe: How are you doin'?

Kristin: Pretty good.

Joe: Nice. Where you comin' from?

Kristin: I have just been **out and about** doin' some shopping. I was, uh, here in **The Mission** and then I went to **Haight Street**, just goin' to some **secondhand stores**.

Joe: Oh, okay.

Kristin: One of my favorite things to do.

Joe: Yeah, cool.

Kristin: So who are you just ge-, gettin' off the phone with?

Joe: Oh, I was speakin' to my grandmother.

Kristin: How's she doing?

Joe: Yeah, she's doin' okay. She was actually **feelin' under the weather** last week but, uh, now she's **alright**.

Kristin: Oh, did she just **have a cold** or somethin'?

Joe: Yeah, she said that there was **somethin' goin' around**. Uh, my aunt had it and my niece had it. So she might have **caught it** from one of them.

Kristin: Oh, okay.

Joe: Yeah. Y'know, speaking with my grandmother on the phone, sometimes I feel like I'm a little kid again...

out and about: going from place to place

The Mission: short for The Mission District; a neighborhood in San Francisco

Haight Street: a street in San Francisco

secondhand stores: stores where used clothing is sold

feelin' under the weather: sick

alright: okay or good

have a cold: to be sick

somethin' goin' around: people you know are sick

caught it: got sick



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Kristin: Yeah, why is that?

transported: taken

a stone's throw away:
very close

Joe: ...I get like **transported** back to the time when we used to live close together and, uh, y'know, and I was a kid. I mean my grandparents, when I was growin' up, they lived just like **a stone's throw away** from us. Maybe like, I don't know, two miles or somethin'. So we used to...

Kristin: Wow.

Joe: ...see them all the time.

Kristin: Yeah.

awesome: very good;
great

Joe: Yeah, it was **awesome**. I mean, y'know, when you're a kid one of your favorite things is to see your grandparents.

Kristin: Yeah.

escape: to get away

discipline: punishment

a little bit: a small
amount

shower you with

attention: give you a lot
of attention

sweets: cookies, cake,
candy

luxury: good opportunity

Joe: Y'know, it's like you get to **escape** the **discipline** of your parents for **a little bit**.

Kristin: Right.

Joe: And, y'know, your grandparents, they'll always **shower you with attention**. And, y'know, my grandmother would always, y'know, make us some **sweets**. And, y'know, and she was just always like, uh, always really, uh, uh, happy to see us, y'know?

Kristin: Uh-huh. Yeah, I never had the **luxury** of even, uh, being around one set of grandparents. My dad's parents died before I was born so I never even met them. And then my, uh, mom's parents, we lived close to them but not as close as, as you to your grandparents. I'd say it was like a twenty to thirty minute drive. And that was only until I was eight, 'coz then we moved away from Michigan to Georgia. So then it would be seein' them once a year.

fortunate: lucky

Joe: Yeah, I mean, my brothers and I were really **fortunate** to have both sets of grandparents around.

Kristin: Yeah, you were.



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bummer: *something that is not good*

around us: *close to us*

Joe: Uh, and, uh, I mean, my, my father's parents moved down to Florida when we were like eight years old. And, y'know, that, that was a **bummer** for us at the time, uh. But at least my mom's parents lived **around us**, y'know, until we were teenagers...

Kristin: Mm-hm.

Joe: ...and we moved to Pennsylvania.

Kristin: Mm-hm.

generations before us: *people in your family that are older than you*

Joe: But it's uncommon these days. I mean the **generations before us** always had their family right near them.

Kristin: Right.

block: *part of a street*

Joe: I mean, I hear these stories from my grandmother. She says that her entire family lived in like one, y'know, on one **block**. And that wasn't uncommon. I mean, a lot of the times they would, uh, the whole family would live in the same house. Usually people didn't leave until they got married. And even if they did leave and get married, they lived just down the block.

Kristin: Well, speaking of the same block... That, that, uh, made me think of my brother. My younger brother, when he was in high school, dated this girl and her whole family lived on the same street. And I can remember thinkin' how strange that was.

Joe: Yeah, I mean, now it is.

Kristin: Yeah.

reminiscing: *remembering something that happened in the past*

Joe: But back then it wasn't at all.

Kristin: Yeah, right.

church: *a place to go to pray*

beg: *to ask for something you really want*

Joe: Yeah. Oh, when I was talkin' to my grandmother, as we do a lot of the times, I was **reminiscing** with her about when I was younger. And, y'know, um, y'know, we... Not only did we live very close to my grandparents, we all went to the same **church**. So, y'know, every Sunday afternoon we'd see them at church and we'd sit near them. And, uh, then after church was over I'd always like **beg** my parents to let



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us go over to my grandparents' house. And, y'know, we'd go over there and eat dinner. And I'd watch baseball games with my grandfather. So that was always a lot of fun, y'know.

Kristin: Uh-huh.

Joe: It was just, y'know, just spending time with them, y'know.

Kristin: Yeah, was it...

Joe: We just had a great time.

Kristin: Was it like a big Sunday dinner?

Joe: Oh yeah, and my grandmother would cook a huge meal. And, my grandmother was an **amazing** cook. She would always cook like some amazing Italian dinner...

Kristin: Mmmmm.

Joe: ...and, y'know, we just loved goin' over there for that reason as well.

Kristin: Oh, that's great.

amazing: great