

Love Story

First person point of view

We were both young when I first saw you.

I close my eyes and the flashback starts--

I'm standing there, on a balcony in summer air. internal rhyme

I see the lights; see the party, the ball gowns. } allusion to Romeo & Juliet balcony scene

I see you make your way through the crowd. } half rhyme

You say hello, little did I know... internal rhyme

Tells a story with a beginning, middle, end

That you were Romeo, you were throwing pebbles- } half rhyme

And my daddy said "stay away from Juliet"-

And I was crying on the staircase-

begging you, "Please don't go..."

And I said...

sets up conflict

[Chorus]

Romeo take me somewhere, we can be alone. } more Romeo & Juliet allusion: they wanted to run away

I'll be waiting; all there's left to do is run. } half rhyme after Romeo killed Tybalt

You'll be the prince and I'll be the princess. } rhyme

It's a love story, baby, just say yes.

rising action

So I sneak out to the garden to see you.

more Romeo & Juliet allusion

We keep quiet, because we're dead if they knew-

So close your eyes... escape this town for a little while. half internal rhyme

Cause you were Romeo - I was a scarlet letter, } allusion to The Scarlet Letter: another story of forbidden love you'll have to read in high school

And my daddy said "stay away from Juliet" -

but you were everything to me-

I was begging you, "Please don't go"

And I said...

Romeo save me, they're trying to tell me how to feel. } rhyme

theme -> This love is difficult, but it's real.

Don't be afraid, we'll make it out of this mess. } rhyme

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Oh, Oh.

I got tired of waiting. A

Wondering if you were ever coming around. B

My faith in you was fading- A

When I met you on the outskirts of town. B

And I said...

Climax Romeo save me, I've been feeling so alone. A } parallel to chorus
I keep waiting, for you but you never come. A } half rhyme
Is this in my head, I don't know what to think. B } half rhyme
He knelt to the ground and pulled out a ring and said...
B } add-on transition

Falling action Marry me Juliet, you'll never have to be alone. A } half rhyme
I love you, and that's all I really know. A } half rhyme
I talked to your dad — go pick out a white dress. B
It's a love story, baby just say... yes. B
Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh.

'cause we were both young when I first saw you } parallel structure — mirror opening line