

CONVICTED OF LOVE

(Short film)

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SYNOPSIS

Bruce Matthews and Kiara Stevens are enjoying a quiet romantic night at Bruce's home. Bruce is cooking food for Kiara. While he is cooking, he is asking her how she is feeling. She says she is okay and not to worry about it. Kiara is amazed at how much Bruce has changed since the incident.

As they begin to eat, Bruce double checks on Kiara. She reassures him and even starts asking about life without her. He tell her how horrible it was without her, but no matter what he says, Kiara is supportive of him.

As they look forward to their lives together, Bruce hears a metal tapping sound. He wonders where it is coming from, then all of a sudden he wakes up from a day dream to see himself in a jail cell. The whole romantic dinner was only fantasized by Bruce, who hungers for a second chance but instead is convicted of love.

FADE IN:

1 **INT. HOUSE KITCHEN - NIGHT**

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BRUCE MATTHEWS, (34) is cooking dinner for his girlfriend, KIARA STEVENS(32). Bruce is standing near the stoves and Kiara is sitting at the table. The table has a romantic setting with candles and a vase. The song "Everything" by Michael Buble is playing in the background.

BRUCE
How are you feeling?

KIARA
Yeah great, everything is perfect.

Bruce seems concerned.

BRUCE
Are you still hurting?

Kiara stays positive.

KIARA
No, I've recovered. It's been a long time you know.

BRUCE
You know I'm sorry right?

KIARA
Yeah I know, you've really changed.

Kiara looks at the CD player. She is amazed that Bruce is listening to Michael Buble.

KIARA (CONT'D)
Bruce Matthews, I never thought you would like Michael Buble?

He smiles.

BRUCE
It's because of you. I felt so lonely when you weren't with me.

KIARA
Me too. You're even cooking now.

Dinner is ready and Bruce brings it over to the table-- starts to serve it onto their plates.

BRUCE
This is great, just the two of us here without a care in the world.

KIARA

It is isn't it? I can't believe
how much I missed you.

BRUCE

I've missed you too. Like crazy.

KIARA

How crazy?

BRUCE

Crazy as like I was thinking about
you every minute of every day.

KIARA

(Laughs)
That is crazy.

BRUCE

Guess it all worked out in the end.

Finishes serving and they start to eat. Bruce sits. Somehow
he seems nervous.

BRUCE (CONT'D)

(slowly)
Hey, you know about that night-

KIARA

Let's not talk about it. What's
done is done right? You can't
change the past.

Bruce is happy that he is reassured.

BRUCE

You're right, what I did was wrong
and I have atoned for it.

KIARA

Yes, it's all been cleared now.
Those years that I didn't see you
felt like decades.

BRUCE

Yes, an eternity in fact.

KIARA

How was it?

BRUCE

How was what?

Waves her head side ways.

KIARA

You know.

Bruce realizes what she is talking about.

BRUCE

Oh, it had its days. Some were bad
and the rest were horrible.

KIARA

(Laughs)
I'm sure it wasn't that bad.

BRUCE

Trust me, it was. I thought you
would never take me back.

KIARA

Of course I would, you're the love
of my life. I will always forgive
you for anything. I know it wasn't
intentional.

BRUCE

(Kisses her)
How are you so perfect?

KIARA

How are *you* so perfect?

Bruce, nods his head in acknowledgement.

BRUCE

Guess I just needed some time to
realize how I could change.

Bruce is a bit suspicious of how happy, Kiara is.

BRUCE (CONT'D)

You're taking this all so well.

KIARA

Well I can't resist a man like you.
We were meant to be after all.

BRUCE

I love you, I never say it enough
but I do.

KIARA

I love you too. I can't wait to
see what's in store for us in the
future.

BRUCE

Me-

The sound of a steel bar knocking on metal is heard. Bruce
wonders where the sound is coming from.

BRUCE (CONT'D)

Too...

CUT TO:

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INT. JAIL CELL - AFTERNOON

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A JAIL GUARD is tapping his metal baton on the jail cell door.

JAIL GUARD (O.S.)

Stop day dreaming, Matthews. It's recreation time.

Bruce opens his eyes. He is lying in his jail bed.

BRUCE (V.O.)

Day 1504, I fantasized about you again, Kiara.

Bruce slowly rises from his bed.

BRUCE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

If only I had another chance. I could show you how much I've changed. I never meant to hit you, it was a mistake. I need to tell you that to your face.

Zoom out to reveal more jail cells.

BRUCE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

A face that I think about every minute of every day.

FADE OUT.