

ADELAIDE

Nathan darling. Starting with next week, I'm going to get a raise. So with what I'll be making, I wondered what you would think – maybe we could finally get married.

NATHAN

Well, of course we're going to... sooner or later.

ADELAIDE

I know, Nathan (*Sneeze*) but I'm starting to worry about Mother.

NATHAN

Your mother? What about your mother?

ADELAIDE

Well, Nathan, this is something I never told you before, but my mother, back in Rhode Island – she thinks we're married already.

NATHAN

Why would she think a thing like that?

ADELAIDE

I couldn't be engaged for fourteen years, could I? People don't do that in Rhode Island. They all get married.

NATHAN

Then why is it such a small State?

ADELAIDE

Anyway – I wrote her I was married.

NATHAN

You did, huh?

ADELAIDE

Uh, huh. Then, after about two years...

NATHAN

What after about two years?

ADELAIDE

We had a baby.

NATHAN

You told your mother we had a baby?

ADELAIDE

I had to, Nathan. Mother wouldn't have understood if we hadn't.

NATHAN

What type baby was it?

ADELAIDE
It was a boy. I named it after you, Nathan.

NATHAN
Thank you.

ADELAIDE
You're welcome.

NATHAN
And-uh-where is Nathan, Jr., supposed to be now?

ADELAIDE
He's in boarding school. I wrote Mother he won the football game last Saturday.

NATHAN
I wish I had a bet on it.

ADELAIDE
That's not all, Nathan.

NATHAN
Don't tell me he has a little sister.

ADELAIDE
All those years, Nathan! Mother believes in big families.

NATHAN
Just give me the grand total.

ADELAIDE
Five.

NATHAN
Adelaide, how could you do such a thing! To a nice old broad like your mother?

ADELAIDE
But Nathan, you don't even know my mother!

NATHAN
But I'll be meeting her soon, and what'll I tell her? What'll I tell her I did with the five kids? Traded them to the Phillies or something. What are we going to do?

ADELAIDE
We could get married.

NATHAN
But marriage ain't something you jump into like it was a kettle of fish. We ain't ready!

ADELAIDE
I'm ready, Nathan!