

JUDE

Yeah. And my mom, uh she's thriving. Retired a couple years ago and now she's been on so many international trips, I can't keep up.

HAYDEN

Nice.

JUDE

She was just in Greece actually. Uh Portugal, Spain, Chile—

HAYDEN

Wow

JUDE

Yeah, she's...

HAYDEN

When was she in Spain?

JUDE

I...two years ago? Summer?

HAYDEN

Ah okay I was there in the spring that year.

JUDE

No way

HAYDEN

Yeah! Oh my gosh it was gorgeous—have you been?—really really loved it

JUDE

No, I've—

HAYDEN

Here, let's see... I took so many photos

*Hayden pulls out his phone, scrolling through pictures.*

JUDE

Oh I didn't know your sister had a kid!

HAYDEN  
She didn't. Um... I have a daughter!

*Jude's jaw drops, Hayden laughs*

JUDE  
Oh my gosh!

HAYDEN  
Yeah!  
*(looks at his pictures, beaming)*  
Her name's Amelia.

JUDE  
Amelia!

HAYDEN  
She. Is. Perfect.

JUDE  
That's incredible! That's really...wow

HAYDEN  
Thank you! Yeah... Wasn't easy for us to find each other. I knew I wanted to adopt, but I wasn't sure whether I should wait or do it alone, and eventually, I was just ready. I knew what I wanted, and why postpone joy?

JUDE  
Yeah

HAYDEN  
There's a lot of stigma against single men adopting, let alone gay single men, so that was challenging. Finding the right agency and then the right match, so yeah that—that made me really anxious and more stressed than ever. And then I met her. Really really shy at first. Scared. Alone. But then we started to color every day, like draw silly pictures for each other, and then her personality just.. she opened up, and she is...she's the funniest person I know. Hands down. And really sweet too. She loves asking people how they're doing, loves asking me "Are you happy today? Are you happy today? If you're sad or happy, I can give you hugs if you want".

JUDE  
Aww!

HAYDEN

Ah! I don't know what I did to deserve her, but... she makes me see things in a really good way.  
You know?

JUDE

I can tell, you're really happy.

HAYDEN

I am.

I am.

I love her so much, Jude, like it's  
Unbelievable.

I can't believe how lucky I am sometimes, you know?

To pick her up from school, and as we drive home, she loves to tell me about everything she  
learned, every friend she played with, and then she always falls asleep in her car seat with the  
sun on her face.

Every day, every weekday, I get to see that little moment. That perfect little moment in time.  
It never gets old.