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Lights Up. Kitchen. Morning.

BOB enters. He spots the white envelope on the table.

Silence.

He stares at the envelope, hesitates a moment, picks it up, opens it, reads.

ANNE'S VOICEOVER: Bob, when you read this letter, I'll be gone.

There's no real point in carrying on.

All we do is row about money all the time.

But it's not just money. We both know it's not.

I'm in a different relationship, now. I've known I'm gay for quite some time. Look after Ben. Tell him I'll write to him soon. Tell him I love him very much. Anne.

Pause.

BOB stares at the letter.

BEN enters.

BEN: When's mum coming back?

BOB: *(Quickly puts letter away.)* She's gone away, Ben. Gone away for a few days.

BEN: Where?

BOB: Auntie Pat's. Gone to Blackpool.

BEN: Why?

BOB: She needed a rest.

BEN: A rest?

BOB: She's tired. Been working too hard. She just needs a rest for a few days, right? A few days by the sea, she'll be right as rain.

BEN: Will she send us a postcard?

BOB: Might.

Pause.