

BRITTANI SENSER

AFTER LOVE

Synopsis:

Believing herself betrayed by the man she loves Brittani struggles to heal her heart and leave thoughts of him behind.

Script:

Brittani hangs up her cell phone and lays it on the window sill of her bedroom. It's raining outside, aptly reflecting her mood. Brittani is crying and she hates letting herself hurt this badly.



She starts to sing and we stay with her for the first verse utterly captivated by the emotion pouring out of this beautiful young woman.

*Seems I've been here a thousand times, heard a thousand lies
And it's just the same thing over and over, when will I ever learn...*

The images slowly fades down and up and now we're a few days in the past looking at Brittani with Levi. They cuddle together on Brittani's bed and we watch them in Herb Ritts style close-ups. They do all the small things that completely engage two people deeply in love.



Levi strokes Brittani's hair, they intertwine fingers, they share a laugh, she kisses his shoulder, and he runs his hand gently down her back. These are the brief moments of perfect tenderness that belie the storm brewing around them.

*Cause after love there's after life, after the rain and sleepless nights
After me and after you, I'll have something to look forward to*

The image slowly fades down and up and now we're in the middle of a huge fight between

Brittani and her mother. They are arguing over Levi. Brittani's mother doesn't want Levi in Brittani's life and she's determined to convince Brittani to leave him.

Brittani won't give in though and the two headstrong women yell and scream until finally Brittani's mother snatches a picture of Levi off of Brittani's dresser and smashes it against a wall. This is the last straw and Brittani tells her mother to get out. The older woman leaves but she looks more determined than ever to get her way.

*Seems I put my trust into someone who couldn't put me first
No more word when will I ever learn*

We cut to a quiet road at dusk. Levi has just been stopped by a police officer. Levi is surprised by this. He didn't do anything wrong. This doesn't seem to matter though as the cop basically harasses Levi and provokes him causing him to react.

The cop takes this as his chance and yanks Levi out of the car. He shoves him to the ground forces his knee into Levi's neck, and searches him. He doesn't find anything except for Levi's cell phone. The cop takes this and then cuffs Levi before roughly dragging Levi to his feet and throwing him into the back of the patrol car. The cop gets into the driver's seat and drives off.

*Cause after love there's after life, after the rain and sleepless nights
After me and after you, I'll have something to look forward to*

It's night now and the cop car pulls into an empty plaza parking lot. The only other car around is a luxury sedan and in the driver's seat is Brittani's mother. The cop pulls Levi out of the car, uncuffs him, and pushes him over to the sedan. Brittani's mother gets out and looks Levi up and down with distaste.

Levi starts to yell at Brittani's mother. He can't believe this is really happening. She doesn't even have the decency to say anything to him. She just throws a thick manila envelope on the hood of the car right in front of him. She tells him to open it.

Levi is hesitant but also worried about what could be in the envelope. So he opens it and immediately his face goes pale. The mother lets it all sink in before giving Levi back his cell phone; the one the officer confiscated. Levi dials and with tears in his eyes he waits for an answer.

Goodbye goodbye, I'ma be alright, I got life to live without you

We cut back to Brittani's bedroom and back to the present. Brittani is crying and her cell phone is sitting on the window sill beside her. We've picked back up just moments after the scene we saw when the video first started.

I'm ready, I'm ready to move on...ready to sing on

Brittani doesn't know this but Levi has made it back to her house. He's outside watching her; helpless to comfort her and crying tears of his own.

After me and after you, I'll have something to look forward to

The song is ending and Brittani's mother comes in to console her daughter. Brittani, not knowing the truth of the situation, throws herself into her mother's arms. She tells her mother that she was wrong about Levi.



Her mother gently shushes her and strokes her hair as she looks outside the window into the rainy darkness.

Levi watches all of this until, unable to take anymore, he turns around and walks away.

After me and after you, I'll have something to look forward to (I'ma be alright)...

FADE OUT

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