

A tape recorder crackles on.

An organ plays in a large, echoing space, filtered through the tape recorder.

RUDY

There have been a lot of times when I've walked away. Sometimes run away. When things starter to feel... a little overwhelming. I suppose just this once, I wanted to stick in one place long enough to see the story through to the end.

The tape recorder slips and jumps ahead

CHESTER

I just wanted to offer my condolences...

WES

I just really miss him.

ABBIE

I do not believe in an afterlife

NORAH

I am not really a ghost.

DOT

I know you two worked together, so maybe being here, where he was...

In the background of the tape, a preacher begins speaking

LILY

I'm sorry, did you want to be alone?

PREACHER

(Repeating and fading)

Everlasting. Everlasting. Everlasting. Everlasting.

The music swells into Amazing Grace, which quickly distorts and fades into the thrumming bass notes of the Phoebeor.

NARRATOR

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