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**From Tio's Blues**  
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MAEVE (from Tio's Blues). Female, 20, of Irish descent. The time is 1957 and she is a product of both the era and a strict upbringing. She is talking to Matt, her boyfriend, whom she hopes will marry her, thus enabling her to escape her family situation.

I pray a lot; you know that. Includin' that Da will let me get a job. I want to.

(With a forced laugh)

I'm afraid sometimes I'll just end up another old maid, like my sister; when I'm thirty-five, still livin' at home and workin' in the kitchen at the rectory; I'll never get to do anything in the world; never see anything grander than the vault of St. Timothy's. ... If I hadn't met you I ... Da says we're going to get a television. I prayed for that. For Christmas. We'll be able to see the Tournament of Roses parade. Maybe you'll come watch it with us? I'd like that. So would they. It'd be a chance for them to, y' know, get to know you. A bit.