



One of my favorite movies is called "***The Bridges of Madison County***". This film came out in 1995. It was directed by Clint Eastwood, one of the most famous American actors and directors, and the cast is really attractive: it starred Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. It is set in Winterset (a small village in Iowa, in the United States) and it is based on a Robert James Waller's novel. It is considered a mix between both drama and romance genres.

The plot is about Francesca Johnson's (Meryl Streep), who is a solitary housewife, born in Bari (Italy). She got married to an US soldier, posted in Italy. While her husband and children are away at the Illinois State Fair in the summer of 1965, Robert Kincaid (Clint Eastwood) happens to turn into the Johnson's farm and asks Francesca for directions to "Roseman Bridge", because he works for the National Geographic Magazine. She agrees to show him the bridges and gradually she talks about her life. They spend four days together, and they fall in love. But at the end, they have to continue with their lives separately. She decides to write a letter telling this story to her children, to be read only after her death.

The scene I'd like to talk about is the final scene. In it, both main characters appear in this scene: Robert and Francesca. Francesca is inside their family pickup truck, waiting for her husband to buy something. On the other part of the road Robert stops with his pickup truck, he gets out and starts to walk towards Francesca. He stands on the rain (because it's pouring down). They look at each other. Francesca smiles to Robert, he does too. Then, he returns to his pickup, he gets on and he goes. Francesca's husband comes back to their truck, and she tries to disguise her feelings (sadness and regret).

What I find most moving about this scene is how the leading roles are able to express what they feel in this moment of the farewell, when both of them know that they are never going to see each other again.

This final scene shows that love in life means sudden passion, broken dreams and sacrifice. The destiny of a person comes from the different decision that they take in life. Life is a unexpected crossing of paths, where silence and glances tell more than any words.