

didn't know.
That's all.

SECOND EPISODE

Madeline appears at the top of the bill, talking to herself. The women and Bill watch her.

MADELINE.

I never should have let him study in London.
I never should have let him go so far from home.
He was too young.
Much too young to go so far from home.
I should have made him wait for a year.
I should have been more firm.
I should have said no.
I should have just said
"No, no, no you cannot go!"
Oh God,
Why didn't I say that...?
(Pause.)
And why did I choose Pan Am over Delta?
There were two boxes on the application form!

Why didn't I
~~check~~
the box
for Delta?
(Pause.)

And I should have let him stay an extra day with his friends!
But I said:
"No, I want you home for Christmas.
I want you home for the party.
You need to hang the Christmas lights for your father,
your father has a bad back and he needs you to help him."
(Pause.)
Oh God ...
(Pause.)

And why did I plan the party for Friday?
I should have planned it for Saturday!
If I had planned the party for Saturday
he wouldn't have been on that plane.
~~He would have come home a day later.~~
He never would have died.
Yes, if I had planned the party for Saturday,
he never would have died ...
(Bill approaches her gently.)

BILL.

Maddie ...
we couldn't have the party on Saturday.
Remember?
Saturday was Christmas eve.
~~We~~ never had the party on Christmas eve.
We always had the party the day before.

MADELINE.

You can have a party on Christmas eve!

BILL.

Yes, but we never did that.

MADELINE.

He could have flown on Delta! —

BILL.

— You didn't like Delta —

MADELINE.

— I could have said,
"No, you cannot go to London."
I could have said
"Yes, you can come home whenever you want!"

BILL.

You let him go because you loved him
And you brought him home because you missed him.
You did what any mother would do!

WOMAN 2.

Or if they're made by something else.
Something greater, like God.

WOMAN 1.

Yes.
Sometimes it seems that these things are fated.

WOMAN 2.

Fated, yes.
Meant to happen.

BILL.

And sometimes it seems that they're not.
Sometimes it seems they're not meant to happen at all.
They just do.
For no reason.

THIRD EPISODE

Madeline storms down the hill.

MADELINE.

If I ever meet his killers
I will kill them.

No.

I will *more* than kill them.
I will torment them.
I will inflict on them
the measure of pain
they have brought to me.

BILL.

Maddie!

MADELINE.

They should suffer!

At the very ~~least~~
their suffering should equal
the suffering they've caused!

BILL.

You can't repay endless suffering.

MADELINE.

Oh yes you can!
You know how?

With *endless pain!*
That's how!

And let me tell you,

Pain

is a

gentle
word

to describe what I would do to them
if I ever got the chance!

I would bind their hands and feet
with *wire!*

I would cut them with sharp knives!

I would grind *cigarettes* into their eyes —

BILL.

Madeline! Stop!

What's got into you?

This is a vigil!

We came here to find peace!

MADELINE.

I want justice!

I won't find *peace* until there is *justice!*

BILL.

That's not justice.

That's revenge.

MADELINE.

Those men killed your son!

They killed 270 people!