

- 1 *holding and picks up the pair she had originally wanted.)*
 2 PAT: Well, that's very "sensible" of you, Robin. I do like to
 3 be "sensible," too. In fact, I like to do sensible things
 4 that are going to help save the planet and, you know, I
 5 think the sensible thing for me to do today is to just let
 6 you ride the city bus home. It stops only two blocks from
 7 your house. Makes more sense than me wasting my
 8 expensive gas to take you there.
 9 ROBIN: Now wait a minute! Let's not go overboard on this
 10 "being sensible" stuff. We've got to use a little common
 11 sense here!
 12 PAT: Common sense? What's that? HmMMM?! My common
 13 sense tells me I *do* want that dress, even though it's
 14 "too young" for me, and ditto on that designer purse
 15 even though it is "too big." And the shoes? *My*
 16 sensibilities tell me that I deserve them for having *put up*
 17 *with you* on this shopping trip! What does your common
 18 sense say?
 19 ROBIN: It says, "OK, OK," just as long as you don't make
 20 me ride the bus home.

Sentimental

Introduction

Some parents seem to dote on their children, so when they leave home to go to college it is hard — on both the kids and the parents, or so it seems.

- 1 DOT: Mom! No! Not again.
 2 MOM: What? I can't look at your baby pictures?
 3 DOT: Sure you can. Just don't do it now. Mom!
 4 Graduation's tonight. Monday, I'm leaving for college.
 5 Couldn't you just put this off a day or two until I'm
 6 gone? Please?
 7 MOM: Why?
 8 DOT: 'Cause you always get so mushy about them, so
 9 sentimental! You start sighing, then it's *(Mimicking her)*
 10 "Oh, how sweet" and "My little-babey-wabey," and then
 11 you start crying.
 12 MOM: Oh, stop it. I do not. You're exaggerating. Besides,
 13 look at these! *(MOM starts thumbing through a photo*
 14 *album. She points out different pictures.)* Here you are in my
 15 daddy's arms. Three months old. *(Sighs.)* He loved you
 16 so much. And look at this one — your first tooth. And
 17 here's your fourth birthday party. Oh, how sweet.
 18 DOT: Mom. You're starting! Don't do it!
 19 MOM: And here — here you are in your little white Easter
 20 outfit. And this one — *(Choking up)* Ohhhh, my little-
 21 baby-wabey. You've grown up so fast and *(Wailing)* now
 22 you're leaving home!
 23 DOT: Forty miles, Mom. *Forty miles!* I'll be back every other
 24 weekend to do laundry. Look, Mom, Tommy's out in the
 25 car. I gotta go up to the school. Are you going to be OK?

- 1 **MOM:** *(Drying up her tears)* Yes, yes. Go on. Go on. I'll be OK.
2 Fine.
3 **DOT:** You sure? Now, I've got my cell phone so if you need
4 me you call me OK? Bye, Mom. *(DOT exits. MOM waves*
5 *good-bye, watches her go, then wipes her tears as she grabs*
6 *her cell phone and flips it open. She dials and listens for an*
7 *answer on the other end.)*
8 **MOM:** *(Into the phone)* Dorothy? Jane. Yeah, she's gone.
9 Yours? *(Listening)* Good. Right. Right. Oh, brother! The
10 things we do for our kids. So, now, tell me about this
11 cruise we're going on next month?

Soaked

Introduction

Ah, falling in love, ain't it wet ... er ... we mean grand!

- 1 *(ROBIN, covered in some gooey liquid, enters PAT's kitchen.)*
2 **PAT:** Robin! Come in, come in. Ah, man, look at you. You're
3 covered!
4 **ROBIN:** I know. I'm sorry. Ooooh, it's just dripping off of
5 me.
6 **PAT:** You really fell into it, didn't you? Here, stand on this
7 towel so you don't drip all over the floor.
8 **ROBIN:** Yuck! My mom is going to kill me.
9 **PAT:** Relax. Don't be so hard on yourself. You know, you're
10 not the first person in the world to "fall" into love. It's
11 quite the goo. And don't forget, your mom must have
12 fallen into it herself sometime or other or you wouldn't
13 be here.
14 **ROBIN:** Maybe so, but I bet I'm the first one to almost
15 drown in it.
16 **PAT:** No, no, no. Not quite.
17 **ROBIN:** Who would have imagined it? Me — falling in love. I
18 wonder if Tide will take this out. Maybe bleach. Here,
19 help me out of this.
20 **PAT:** Nope, no can do. You gotta do that yourself. Nobody
21 can help you, but you. That's what happens when you
22 fall into love.
23 **ROBIN:** But, it's soooo sticky. *(Sniffs.)* Smells sweet,
24 though.
25 **PAT:** Sweetest thing in the world! And often it stays that