

LADYBUGS

A tiny tragedy

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28 Plays Later – Play 4

A and B are ladybirds.

They sit on a leaf, sheltering from the rain

A yes
B now?
A sure
B so
A that way
B what?
A not there
B Oh.
A look at me
B I am
A more
B ok
A smile.
B you're beautiful
A you're sweet
B I mean it
A alright.
B how's this?
A to the left
B here
A perfect
B good
A say it
B

A say it
B it?
A yes
B but what about
A it's alright
B doesn't it hurt
A every time
B I won't do it
A you have to
B I can't
A I need you to.
B please
A please
B
A I'll stop you
B really?
A if it's too much. I'll say stop
B ok
A deep breath?
B deep breath
A
B
A now.
B wait!
A what?
B I
A I'm scared too
B but if it breaks
A it breaks
B if we fail
A we fail

B if it ends

A it ends

B

A but I'd rather find out and it break, end, fail, crash, burn than not...not do it at all

B you're so brave

A I have you

B ok

A OK?

B yes

A thank you

B

A

B I.

A

B love you.

A

B

A

B how did that feel?

A

B

A

B how did it feel?

A

B Oh god. No. I'm sorry! I take it back! I didn't mean it

A

B (whispers) I'm sorry

A

B

A I'm alright

B you are?

A yes
B what, what did it feel like
A look at me
B
A I love you
B
A
B oh
A I know
B it hurts
A I know
B but it doesn't hurt.
A I know
B you are
A you are
B beautiful
A beautiful
B thank you

A dies

B dies