**That Was Then, This Is Now**

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**CHARACTERS:**

**Bryon Douglas:**

* **a 16 yr old boy who is experiencing both physical and emotional changes**
* **the story is told in the first person (through Bryon’s eyes)**

**Mark:**

* **Bryon’s best friend**
* **Mark has lived with Bryon and his family since the death of his parents**

**Cathy Carlson:**

* **M&M’s sister and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ girlfriend**

**M&M Carlson:**

* **Cathy’s younger brother**

**Charlie:**

* **Owner of the neighborhood bar**



**Angela Shepard:**

* **Bryon’s former girlfriend**

**Curly and Tim Shepard:**

* **Angela’s brothers**

**Mike Chambers:**

* **Victim of a savage beating**

**THEME:**

* **Deals with the concept of selflessness (which produces maturity)**
* **The characters learn the truth about growing up.**