

Dr. Joe Cardin

Cardin: *(to Karen)* Now, don't let's have any of that talk, because it's all done and over. And last week I wrote to Jake Sundstrom. You remember, my old and good friend – I've told you about him so often. *(He is speaking fast. Now to Martha.)* We roomed together at school and at college. Then he changed his mind about medicine and went home. His family is very rich, they own half the state I think. *(Goes back to Karen.)* Well, Jake's fixed it for me. He found the right place. You know, it's farm country, mostly Swedes, and he says they need a doctor bad. It's going to be tough going at first, we'll be out in the middle of nowhere, but we'll live cheap and there'll be plenty for all of us *(He's looking at Martha, she shakes her head "no" in protest, he continues quickly to Martha)*...you're coming with us. Do you think we'd leave you? We want you to come. *(Trying too hard to be convincing, he continues.)* It's going to be good. Kind of fun to start all over again. I'm looking forward to what I can do in country like that. Good for doctors to get out where it's hard, and to learn something. *(Directly to Karen now.)* I know this was my place, where I was born, and where I wanted to be and where you wanted to stay too. Well, to hell with all that. We can't stay. So, we're going to a place where we can live, and where I've got a good friend who understands, and will help us. Most of the world doesn't live where it wants to live, or do what it wants to do. I'm not going to cry about us. Now don't talk about it any more. Please, darling.