

# Buddies to the End

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The two young teenage boys  
sitting in front of the theater  
with their skateboards,  
waiting for one of their dads  
to swing by and pick them up.

The one, with such a  
young fresh face, asking,  
"Is she still dating that *guy*?"

"I saw them together I think, yeah."

There was quite a pause.  
"Tell me how sad they are."

Both of them staring straight ahead  
looking out at the new world  
until his dad pulls up in his car.

"I don't know, Dude.  
They looked pretty happy to me."

