

SCENE 41

#14A – Epilogue

CLAUDE

When the bank finally converted all the currency from around the world – people had donated over sixty thousand dollars.

*EVERYONE whistles.*

ANNETTE

Every day for months, passengers sent back chocolates, flowers...

BEULAH

Donations of all kinds.

CLAUDE

Postcards and letters came in from everywhere.

*BEULAH opens a letter as ALI reads.*

ALI

Dear Miss Beulah. When my daughter asks about what happened to me over those five days, I tell her about your kindness. Thank you again. Sincerely, Ali. P.S., please send me the recipe for the fish and the cheese.

*BONNIE and DOUG step forward.*

BONNIE

Ralph, the cocker spaniel, went on to become a champion show dog!

DOUG

And Unga the rare Bonobo chimpanzee arrived safely at the Columbus Zoo.

BONNIE

And soon after, she had a baby – which they named Gander.

*JANICE steps forward.*

JANICE

Tom Brokaw phones me. Tom Brokaw. He's doing a documentary – and since I was the only reporter in town – I'm the only one with any footage.

JANICE (CONT'D)

Tom. Brokaw.

It was a big break—but I didn't really like shoving microphones into people's faces when they were going through so much. So, I stayed here in Gander—and I'm still here today—on the tenth anniversary.

*REPORTERS from around the world overlap.*

REPORTER 9

I'm reporting live from Newfoundland for BBC.

REPORTER 8

CBC.

REPORTER 7

CTV.

REPORTER 5

Al Jazeera.

JANICE

For Rogers TV, I'm Janice Mosher—on September 11th.

ALL

Two thousand eleven.

JANICE

The town is again filled with Come From Aways. On the tenth anniversary, from all around the world, we welcome back the Plane People.

#15—*Finale*

CLAUDE

One! Two!

ALL

One two three four!