Cinderella Liberty (USA, 1973)
(Other titles: Permission d’aimer)

Credits: director, Mark Rydell; writer/novel, Darryl Ponicsan.
Cast: James Caan, Marsha Mason, Kirk Calloway, Eli Wallach.
Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary Seattle. Vietnam veteran seaman John Bagg’s (Caan) records are lost while he is temporarily assigned to Seattle for medical treatment. Granted a ‘Cinderella liberty’ pass every night from 4 P.M. to midnight, he meets and marries Maggie Paul (Mason), a semi-hooker, and tries to live happily ever after. She, however, has a young mulatto son by one of her customers and is again pregnant by another. After the birth, she runs away to return to her old ways. Bagg switches identities with an old Chief (Wallach) who was dismissed from the service and wants to go back to duty. Then he and his ‘son’ go in search of Maggie.

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