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Author Note
Nicole has been writing since middle school, but not diligently enough to satisfactorily call herself a “writer.” However, seeing the wonderful work of her peers has motivated and inspired her, and she’s writing more than she has in years. Her passion for the craft has been mercifully been re-ignited.

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Back in those days when any man’s implied affection
   Could garner her fickle attention
       She knew her worth was more
         And yet continued to wipe the floor
             With her heart.
       She ignored the warnings in her head
         As she lay awake, alone, in her bed
             Allowing these insignificant men
                   To occupy her thoughts.

She hoped and prayed for the day to come
   That her best friend would become The One
       Whom she could hold close
When the fears that strangled her took too strong a hold,
   And the tears stung her eyes,
       And her mouth twisted in pain,
         And the only comfort she felt
           Was in the warmth of his embrace.
When that day finally arrived,
   All she could do, again, was cry
       And hold him harder,
         Pulling him closer
            Until her eyes were dry.
And he did not just take the tears away;
   Her smiles — her laughter — that you see today?
They are his, and his are hers, and they are perfect that way.

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Julie Saint-Fleur

I want to get lost in you
   without losing myself.
I want to like what you like
   and still like what I like.
I want to do what you do
   and still do what I do.
I want to touch your soul
   without losing feel of mine.
I want to run away with you
   and still be safe at home.
I want to be one with you
   and still be complete alone.
I want to forget time is moving
   without losing track of time.
I want to help you grow
   and still flourish myself.
I want to mean something to you
   and still mean something to myself.
I want to bring out the light in you
   without losing the light in me.
I need to know you want it too.