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I COULD MAKE THIS A CHARMING AND ELOQUENT POEM WHERE I CONFESS SWEET THINGS AND COMPARE YOU TO A BLOOMING FLOWER. I COULD CREATE LOVELY RHYTHM THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR PRETTY HEAD SPIN.

BUT ALL I REALLY WANT TO DO IS TALK ABOUT HOW MUCH I LIKE LIVING OUR LIVES SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THIS TINY WORLD THAT WE SHARE.

SOMETIMES I CATCH MYSELF THINKING ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU'RE NOT AROUND. I FIND THINGS THAT REMIND ME OF YOU IN THE BANAL AND THE STUPENDOUS ALIKE.

I SEE YOU IN THE HEADLIGHTS ON THE FREEWAY UNDER THE MOON. I SEE YOU IN THE WAVING OF THE TREE LIMBS AGAINST THE SETTING SUN. I SEE YOU IN THE LAVENDER AND PERIWINKLE LIGHT THAT STREAMS THROUGH MY WINDOW AND DRAWS ME FROM MY SLEEP.

WHEN I FIRST NOTICED YOU WERE ON MY MIND ALL THE TIME I USED TO TRY TO SQUASH YOU OUT BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OF BEING KNOWN AND OF KNOWING YOU.

BUT YOU WIGGLED INTO MY RIBCAGE AND MADE YOURSELF AT HOME NEXT TO MY QUICK-SKIPPING HEART, WRAPPING YOUR HANDS AROUND IT AND SOOTHING IT UNTIL IT SLOWS AND I CAN FEEL AGAIN.

WE HAVE SO MUCH LIVING LEFT TO DO TOGETHER IN THIS LITTLE WORLD WE'VE CREATED.

-WHEN I'M WITH YOU, MY DREAMS DON'T FEEL SO OUT OF REACH.