

I love you, You love me

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INT./EXT. DIFFERENT SETTINGS AT DIFFERENT TIMES

Two girls, SERENA and GIANNA, are a couple. Both are brunette with hazel eyes. Both are 19 and film majors at their school. A montage begins of the two girls in different settings, at different times. They are at a picnic outside, a restaurant, the shower, their bedroom, a cafe, a classroom, etc. They are clearly very happy and in love. A voiceover plays during the montage. Voiced by GIANNA.

GIANNA (V.O.):

June 25th. i know it's been a while. you're sleeping right now so i won't get the chance to tell you this. i know i've told you before that i could look at you for hours without ever getting tired of it. in case you don't believe me, i want you to know how intently i've studied you and how memorizing your beauty has only made me love you more. your small beauty mark on the side of your eye and the tiny one on your lip. only half of your bottom lashes actually grow. your forehead is four fingers long. your second and third toe are bigger than your first. you're a size 8 1/2 shoe. you have bangs, they may be long, but you always tuck them behind your ears. your fangs are sharper than most peoples. you have more freckles on one side of your face than the other. you have little red blemishes under each side of your nose. you have four lines on your nose when you nose scrunch. your lips are always swollen in the morning. i could never ever forget your beautiful face for as long as i live.

GIANNA (V.O.): (CONT'D)

March 27th. Perhaps my favorite thing about you is that you never let go of me. when i push you away or try to run away from you, i always wait for you to let go of my hand and to run away too. you never do. you always hold on to me. ive dreamed of that for so long.

GIANNA (V.O.): (CONT'D)
 September 3rd. Been a rough few days for us. but again you never give up on me. i love you so so so much. you love me even when you're not supposed to. you love me more than anyone ever could. in any crowded room you're the only girl i'll ever look for.

GIANNA (V.O.): (CONT'D)
 October 1st. Six months. wow. half a year with you. so little time, yet i feel like i've spent forever with you. at least i want to. i'm sitting across from you right now. i'm so amazed at how much you've grown as a person. how beautiful you've become inside and out. i'm so grateful for you everyday. i love you. i really, really love you.

GIANNA (V.O.): (CONT'D)
 November 19th. Wow. this week with you has been perfect. ive never felt so in love with you. ive never felt more content, comfortable, and stable with anyone else in my whole life. you are more than what i've ever hoped and dreamed for. you are every good word thats in the dictionary. i truly don't believe i'll ever find anyone as special or extraordinary as you. i feel like i need to complete all my dreams with you by my side. i wanna go through every stage of my life with you. i want to live with you. i want to graduate with you. i want to have your kids. i wanna accomplish all of our hopes and dreams together. you make me a better person everyday. you are breathtakingly beautiful inside and out. perfect. i love doing love with you and i don't ever wanna stop. you will forever be the person who healed me and who restored my faith in love and humanity. i love you SERENA leigh.

GIANNA (V.O.): (CONT'D)
November 26th. Please don't leave
me yet. i don't want to be without
you. i don't want to know you as
anything other than a lover. you
are the girl meant for me. i'm so
in love with you my SERENA. i feel
it in my heart, in my body, in my
bones. please don't give up on me
like the others. you never have
before.

INT. A ROOM - NIGHT

SERENA sits on one side of the room, silently. GIANNA sits on
the other side, also silent. They appear to be sad and are
not looking at each other. After a while of silence, SERENA
finally breaks it.

 SERENA:
So are we gonna talk about the
elephant in the room?

 GIANNA:
Please, no. I can't right now.

 SERENA:
Ok.

(beat.)

 GIANNA:
I mean...I know we have to. I just
don't know if I can do it.

 SERENA:
We can't keep living in denial.

 GIANNA:
It's better than living in the
reality.

 SERENA:
Is it?

 GIANNA:
For you, no. For me, yes.

 SERENA:
I just don't want you to get your
hopes up.

GIANNA:

Fuck, I hate that you keep saying that. Like I'm some little puppy who can't live without you and you're long moved on and couldn't give a shit anymore.

SERENA:

You know that's not true. But you know my decision.

GIANNA:

Yeah, I know and I still don't understand it.

SERENA:

Well I will explain it to you as many times as you need.

GIANNA:

Don't. I don't need to keep hearing that you're done, that you need to be alone, that this isn't fulfilling anymore over and over again. You've said it enough.

SERENA:

But you're saying you still don't understand it.

GIANNA:

Yeah, I don't understand why though. We have a perfectly happy and healthy relationship, we love each other so much, and somehow this is over? We only went 8 months. You know how many toxic, fucked up couples we know that are gonna stay together for years. You couldn't even stay with me for 1 year.

SERENA:

(crying)

I'm sorry.

GIANNA:

I'm so fucking angry and I can't stop being angry at you. I know I don't have the right, but this feels so unfair.

SERENA:

I'm sorry.

GIANNA:

I can't stop going back and forth from being angry, sad, frustrated, confused, and then ok and then repeat it all over again the next day. I'm sorry, I don't mean to make you sad. I just have to be honest about how I feel. I can't lie or pretend with you.

SERENA:

I know.

GIANNA:

And I can't stop kicking myself.

SERENA:

Why?

GIANNA:

Why couldn't I have been better?
Why wasn't I enough?

SERENA:

Stop. This has nothing to do with you. It's about me. I don't know what I want right now and I-

GIANNA:

Yeah, I know. That's what's killing me. You don't even know if you want me anymore. And here I am willing to throw away anything for you and willing to do anything to make this work.

SERENA:

I'm sorry, ok? I love you so, so much. That's why I can't keep hurting you.

GIANNA:

Well it's too late for that.

SERENA:

(crying harder)
I'm sorry. I tried.

GIANNA:

I get it. We're young and we have a lot to experience and time to grow but why couldn't we have done that together?

SERENA:

I just can't.

GIANNA:

And I know you say you wanna be alone right now, but I leave you alone all the time. When I'm at my classes, doing work, or hanging out with people. That's a lot of time for you to be alone.

SERENA:

That's not the same. I love you, ok?

GIANNA:

You don't get to say that to me anymore. If you loved me, it wouldn't be so easy for you to just get up and walk away from this.

SERENA:

This is not easy for me and you know it. Stop.

GIANNA:

I'm the one that cries everyday. Not you.

SERENA:

We're both living in denial, Gianna. I'm pretending this isn't happening because that's what I do. You know I suppress my emotions.

GIANNA:

Well, must be nice.

SERENA:

This has nothing to do with how I feel about you, ok? I love you more than anything. You're the girl I will love for the rest of my life. You're the girl I want to marry. But in ten years from now. When we both have lived our own lives and dated and experienced other people.

GIANNA:

Well I'm not gonna be around that long. I'm not waiting ten fucking years for you. I wanna be with you for those ten years.

(MORE)

GIANNA: (CONT'D)
I don't care about having other experiences. I only want you. I don't care.

SERENA:
But you will. You'll find other people that you'll want. You'll get over me. You'll love other people. I know you will.

GIANNA:
Stop. Just stop. Why do you want me to move on so fucking bad?

SERENA:
I don't, selfishly. I never want us to stop loving each other. But I know that's not realistic.

GIANNA:
You just want me to move on so that you don't feel bad when you do it first.

SERENA:
You know that's not true. This has nothing to do with getting with other people. I'm not going to be able to do that for a long time.

GIANNA:
I did everything for you. I don't understand.

SERENA:
(crying again)
Please stop. We're just going around in circles.

GIANNA:
I'm allowed to be fucking upset and ask questions about something that I don't understand.

SERENA:
I know.

(beat.)

GIANNA:
I guess I just need to remind myself that if it's meant to be, we'll come back. And if we don't, then it's not.

SERENA:

Yeah.

GIANNA:

I can't stop thinking about how perfect you are. You are everything I want. How am I supposed to just let that go?

SERENA:

I'm not perfect. You'll see that eventually.

GIANNA:

I wanna hate you so bad. I have no reason to, but I really wanna hate you.

SERENA:

I know. That really hurts me.

GIANNA:

I don't care. You already hurt me.

SERENA:

(sobbing)

I can't stop pulling out my hair.

GIANNA moves over to sit near SERENA and grabs her wrists and holds them down.

GIANNA:

Stop. Stop.

SERENA:

It's all over the ground.

GIANNA moves next to SERENA and is still holding her wrists. She makes SERENA lay on her shoulder while she cries.

GIANNA:

I'm sorry. I don't mean to make you anxious. I'm sorry.

SERENA:

You're not.

GIANNA:

I know I am.

SERENA continues crying into GIANNA's shirt while she strokes her hair. She has also been crying a little this whole time. She kisses the top of SERENA's head.

SERENA:
I'm so sorry.

GIANNA:
No, I'm sorry. I know this wasn't
an easy decision for you to make
and I'm just making it harder.

(beat.)

SERENA:
I love you.

GIANNA:
I love you too.

They continue to cry until the screen slowly fades to black.