

I know you do not need this drama
It simply will not go away
The sight of you
The sound of your voice
The brief moments when my lips touch yours
All of it makes me stumble
Makes me fall
In love
It's been so long
Since I felt such things for anyone
Besides my wife
That for a long time I didn't recognize it
I always thought that it was impossible
To love two at once
That one would have to fall away
Rejected
And the other lifted up
But it isn't that way with you
Or her.
I love you both.
Expansively.
There is no deeper explanation.
As the days of my life pass by
I find myself seeing that nothing is static
Nothing stationary
Not even love
Since the moment a year ago
I told you to your face in front of all of our friends
That I wanted you
That feeling
It hasn't diminished
Only changed from simple desire
To simple need for you to be in my life
In what ever capacity that you'll allow me to be
I've experienced jealousy over you
I've felt rejected by you
I've felt sheer adoration when I awoke by your side
Even though there is nothing between us
Your visits are looked forward to
With anticipation, with longing, with love
When you were on your verge
Of leaving us all behind
The thought of you going was a relief
That I would no longer feel
What I felt for you.
You'd be a fond memory

Gone
The pain recedes.
You'd become someone to reminisce about.
It so hard sometimes
Loving someone when it isn't reciprocated
And I tell you that not to make your uncomfortable
But to express my conflict
And so that you understand when I stare fondly at you in a drunken stupor.
It occurred to me
Some months ago
That I indeed did love you
As a sister
As a friend
But also as someone I could not live without
In my life in whatever way you allow me to be
And that someday I hope that
Maybe you'll love me back

You can run now.