Ah, to be with you for a New Year Eve's Kiss 13

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Can you believe it? The year is almost over. Soon, the calendar will reset itself back to January, and hopes and dreams will be replenished! ♥. New Year's Resolutions will be drafted... then never followed • But in this moment in time, I have one resolution that I will follow through no matter what. The resolution: "Never stop loving you. ♥"

2022 has been a strange year. In January, I started with the resolution that I will cut off from all humanity and focus solely on academics. I followed that resolution through very adamantly, and before I knew it, I was only hanging out with friends in an academic (and frankly one sided) sense. A relationship now seemed impossible, and I did not even realize that. This started to change when summer break ended, and I told my friend "Enough of this, I'm only in college once and I do not want to waste it all on academics." But at this point I was so far gone that I did not feel any attachment or attraction towards anyone.

But then came November of 2022. Fall break had just ended. Leaves were falling. And that's when it all changed. That's when you came along. Originally, I wanted to treat our dance rehearsals professionally, as just 2 people pulling off a choreography for a crowd. Nothing more than that. But then I saw your passion. Your energy. Your sincerity, honesty and kindness, and I thought to myself "maybe, just maybe..."

I started to want to get to know you more, to hang out with you more, and the more I hung out, the more the idea reinforced in my mind that maybe... you were the one November 20, 2022. I decided to write a confession letter to you because at this point, I realized that maybe, it's worth the risk this time around. Unfortunately back then, my thoughts did not come through properly. I decided to just move on and kill off the developing feelings, but then our bond strengthened over the next week and it made me want to try once again, this time in person.

Enter: The confession

That confession was the most life changing decision in my college career. I have said it many times before, but I will still always reinforce that the decision to confess properly was the best decision I have ever made, because that decision brought you into my life

Shweta, as I look back at this past year, I see the many challenges that were faced, but I also see the many highlights, amongst which you're the brightest, most wonderful highlight of all . And this reflection shows me an insight to the future. The road is not going to be easy, yes. But if we're together, and we stand by each other, I am super sure that we can tackle and overcome any hurdle . The love that I have for you will surpass any obstacle. I hope that you feel the same way

I will simply end this long ass essay by saying that I love you so much, and I strongly aspire for a future with you. That's my desire. My dream and I hope it comes true. Happy New Year's Eve, and have a wonderful time with family. Yours Always,

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³ This song's lyrics just mean quite a lot, and are reflective of the feelings over the past 2 weeks of being away