

# here's to the kids

here's to the kids who spend their days in photo-booths with their best friends. here's to the kids who are straight up smartasses and just don't care. here's to the kids who speak their mind. here's to the kids who consider screamo their lullaby for going to sleep. here's to the kids who second guess themselves on everything they do. here's to the kids who will never have 100 percent confidence in anything they do, and to the kids that are okay with that. here's to the kids. this one's not for the kids who always get what they want, but for the ones who never had it at all. it's not for the ones who never get caught, but for the ones who always try and fail. this one's for the kids who didn't make it, we were the kids who never made it. the overcast girls and the underdog boys. not for the kids who had all their joys. this one's for the kids who never faked it. we're the kids who didn't make it. they say "breaking hearts is what we do best," and "we'll make your heart be ripped out of your chest." the only heart

- Pete Wentz

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means that I accept you for the person that you are, and that I do not wish to change you into someone else. It means that I will love you and stand by you even through the worst of times.

## ***‘loving you’***

when you’re in a bad mood or too tired to do things I want to do. It means loving you when you’re down, not just when you’re fun to be with.

## ***‘I love you’***

means that I know your deepest secrets and do not judge you for them, asking in return only that you do not judge me for mine. It means that I care enough to fight for what we have and that I love you enough not to let go.

It means thinking of you, dreaming of you, wanting and needing you constantly, hoping you feel the same way for me.

- *Hopeless Romantic*

# LET'S FACE IT

LET'S FACE IT... WE'VE CHANGED. WE ALL CHANGED. SOMEWHERE BETWEEN SUMMER ENDING AND SCHOOL STARTING, WE'VE GONE IN OUR OWN DIRECTIONS. HEARTS WERE BROKEN, FRIENDS DIMINISHED, NEW LOVE STARTED AND NEW PEOPLE CAME INTO OUR LIVES. WE NO LONGER SPEND ALL OF OUR TIME IN OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, WE NO LONGER TALK FOR HOURS ABOUT NOTHING AT ALL. WE'VE CHANGED — SOME FOR THE BETTER, SOME FOR THE WORSE. SOME OF US ARE FINDING LOVE AND OTHERS ARE TRYING TO LET GO. EVEN THOUGH WE'VE CHANGED, WE ALL KNOW THAT EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ALL FINDING OUR OWN PLACE IN THE WORLD, THAT WHEN WE FIND OUT LOVE, WHEN WE LET GO OF A LOVE, WHEN THE TEARS FALL, OR THE HAPPY SMILE SPREADS ACROSS OUR FACE... WE'LL COME TO EACH OTHER BECAUSE NO MATTER WHERE THIS CRAZY WORLD TAKES US AND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, NOTHING WILL EVER CHANGE SO MUCH TO THE POINT THAT WE'LL BE FRIENDS FOREVER.

- SOMEONE WHO FACED IT

# You are silk,

“You’re going to meet many people with domineering personalities: the loud, the obnoxious, those that noisily stake their claims in your territory and everywhere else they set foot on. This is the blueprint of a predator.

Predators prey on gentleness, peace, calmness, sweetness and any positivity that they sniff out as weakness. Anything that is happy and at peace they mistake for weakness. It’s not your job to change these people, but it’s your job to show them that your peace and gentleness do not equate to weakness. I have always appeared to be fragile and delicate but the thing is, I am not fragile and I am not delicate. I am very gentle but I can show you that the gentle also possess a poison. I compare myself to silk. I am just made of silk. It is they who are stupid and wrongly take gentleness and fairness for weakness. There are many more predators in this world, so I want you to be made of silk. You are silk.”

—C. JoyBell C.

# Those haven't happened to you.

## Growing up means learning what life is.

When you're little, you have a set of ideals, standards, criteria, plans, outlooks, and you think that you have to sit around and wait for them to happen to you and then life will work.

But life isn't like that, for anybody; you can't fall in love with a standard, you have to fall in love with a person. You can't live in a criteria, you have to live your life. You can't wait for your plans to materialize, because they may never materialize the way you think they will. You can't wait to watch your ideals and standards walk up to you, because you can't know what's yours until you have it. I always say, always take the first chance in case you never get a second one, but growing up takes that even one step further, growing up means that you have to hold on to what you have, when you have it, because what you have—that's yours— and all the ideals and criteria you have set in your head, those aren't yours, because those haven't happened to you.”

—C. JoyBell C.