

## POEM

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The difference between something you want  
And something you love  
Can be illustrated by how you treat a flower  
When you want something  
You take it for yourself  
And that flower then exists as an extension of you  
It's beauty measured by how beautiful you'll allow it to be  
We often feel the need to have possession  
Over the things we love  
But when you love something  
You discover an appreciation for everything it is  
Knowing something so beautiful, so vast  
Could never belong only to you  
Seeing it's light and knowing it would be selfish  
To hold it hostage from the world  
I pity those who have not gotten the chance to experience you  
And at the beginning of this love  
I only wanted you for myself  
I am now learning to love you  
I am learning to adore you from three steps back  
Wanting only to experience this life with you  
I will not interrupt the path you have forged for yourself  
I will stand beside you, championing your growth  
I will not demand that you change for me  
I only ask that you change for the better  
I want to see you grow

As I stand alongside you

As humans we are so complex

There is immense depth to minds and souls

How selfish would it be for me to think

I could be everything for you

So instead, I'll be everything I am

Letting you be everything you are

And going forward, we'll face everything together