

# BIG

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*I wrote this because I wanted you to understand what you might go through. Because it's a big deal. You're a big deal. Just because you feel small doesn't mean that you can't be big.*

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# Preface

This is a prose preface.

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## Being With You

Being with you is like...

Running to yoga, the six hours before the war  
ends, staying awake in kindergarten, and  
drinking chamomile whiskey.

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### Awfully Hard

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Awfully hard to bear this fruit  
Lower trembling branches to the trunk  
Brave fire and traffic  
When you don't eat the apples I deliver  
With time and love come many things  
But more changes that good memories  
Inspect this relationship and its prisoners  
To find either a key or a pie made from fruit  
When you don't want what I want,  
and I want you,  
it's awfully hard to be generous  
your poverty is not just financial  
I buy my love, still  
At the farmers market, top dollar  
Fresh and organic, but on our loaded cart  
I want too much, and my money is no good  
Lending and giving, end the same  
My own destitute love is all to blame.