Dear Katie,

What a beautiful, poetic story. Charlie sure is a very interesting and charismatic character, with mystery from the past and a good smile. I like the start of the story where you entered the story quickly and gave out the setting concisely and powerfully. Most of the story were focused on the time they meet again, which is a very good portion. The ending is very warm, and left a lot of space for thought. Nice job!

What I felt like is that this could be a really long story, or even, should be. This story carries a whole lot of information, including the past between Charlie and Liz so bonding that they develop love at first sight after 12 years, the meeting at the café, the entire development of their love over the phone, and Charlie’s explanation of the past. Summing those up, it is almost the life story of two loved people and telling such a story within 12 or even 15 pages seems too rush. This is actually what I felt like in multiple places when I read through the story. For instance, the time when Charlie called after 12 days they immediately started a nice over-the-phone conversation, which to most people should be awkward and don’t really know what to say. They could do so probably because the significant bond they developed when they were young but I did not read that way from the setting. Also, when Liz first asked Charlie why don’t he want to see her, I feel a little bit of blunt, probably because of the lack of elaboration of their previous conversation that I don’t feel like Liz could be at the point where she can directly ask him this kind of question without many thought. The last place it when Charlie is revealing his past. His past is rather messed up. But he explained it like mentioning just like a regular day. I get this feeling because Charlie’s characteristic is not built up too much before entering this point, so his reaction seems a little plain, thus making him without story. (And wouldn’t throwing someone at the wall kill him?)

But overall, it’s a really nice story and you should definitely keep on and expanding! -- Suyi