

Dear Mateo,

I told you the time would come when I would write you a letter, so here it is. I truly cannot put into words how much you mean to me and how much I love you, but I will try my best. When I was young, I didn't have an ideal definition of true love, I had seen it in movies, in friends, in my parents and grandparents, but my experience with it made me see it differently, I thought I was broken and I was never going to experience love like I saw it around me. After my first experience with the big word "love", I made myself a promise to never let anyone get close to me, I built walls to protect myself and never allowed myself to be vulnerable. For me, love was weakness and vulnerability and I never wanted to experience it again. But then I met you, and you helped me slowly deconstruct my wall brick by brick. You changed my definition of love.

Today, if someone was to ask me what love is, I would think of you, you laughing because I'm the funniest person you know, you taking care of me when I'm sick, you crying with me during sad times, you drinking soup with me when I had no teeth, you sleep talking, you being all nerdy, you telling me for the hundredth time that I'm not going to fail my semester and be homeless, you trying to make me laugh when I'm fake mad at you and even you when you're stressed and upset.

You are everything I didn't even know I wanted, I tried so hard to not fall in love but you made it so easy to love you.

I never thought that I would love someone this much, to the point of wanting to put sunscreen on you everyday so you don't look all wrinkly when we grow old together. I have so much faith in us and it scares me, because we're so young, because there's so many reasons that could bring us apart, because I want to protect my heart. Despite all these reasons, I want to believe in us because I love you with all my heart, so hopefully we stay together because I'm quite happy with you, and I would never want to go through life without you by my side. You make me so happy, and I cherish every moment spent together, and every moment we'll spend together.

So even if there's times when you piss me off, times when you're really frustrating, times when you can't read my mind, you are the most precious person in my life and I hope you stay in my life forever. You helped me grow as a person, heal, destress, you were there for me whenever I needed it and for that I am forever grateful. You are the person that always makes me feel secure and I love the way you support me, somehow you always know exactly what I need.

I know I can be hard to deal with, my communication skills are lacking, I have a lot of mood swings, I can fake being mad at you and then actually be mad at you, I stress a lot, I can go into full panic attacks for no reason, I never know what I want to eat and when you finally decide and I don't want it I just become upset without telling you why, I fart a lot, I cry a lot, and need to be reassured a lot, but you're always so patient with me I don't know how you do it. So, thank you for always dealing with my shit and always telling me I'm not going to fail any courses (though maybe 36 courses will be different), thank you for making me happy, thank you for making everything fun (even a freezing 30min wait in the queue for a kebab I didn't even want), but more importantly thank you for making me feel loved every single day without fail (even during our infinite 2 weeks apart). So please don't have a change of heart and break up with me, because I think I would be sad for about 16 days and that's not cool.

You are my best friend and the love of my life, and I will continue loving you today tomorrow and all the other days.

Anyway, all these words to wish you a happy birthday, a happy year, a happy life and a happy everything.

PS: this shit is kind of cringe, so don't make me reread it.

-Luna♡