

# Stay

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I was afraid you would walk away and never look back. I needed you, and I thought that you needed me. I didn't like to be alone, because I didn't want one second not to be filled with you. I tried to hold onto the rituals of the past so that nothing would ever change between us. I wanted everything to stay the same. Change was my enemy. My greatest fear. It haunted me. Forced me to see through the eyes of someone that I was not and who I wished I never was. Change somehow shattered my insides until I didn't focus on who I needed to be, because I thought everything was perfect. But it wasn't.