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### Goodbye for Now

Although goodbyes are painful they are a part of life, they do not cease to take a toll on people emotionally involved in a friendship or relationship that permanently or periodically had to come to an end. Most people in life have had to experience this pain, and if you haven't yet you will in the future. My best friend Katie has been with me ever since kindergarten.

Katie is my rock and basically my other half. Ever since grade school we have been attached at the hip. I remember we would always be in the talent show with crazy outfits and since then we found the love of dance. Katie is an extraordinary ballet dancer and I was more into the tap, jazz and hip hop style. That's how we clicked so easily. When I look back on all the times we have shared I just smile because not everyone finds someone who they can relate to so easily and the friendship just come so naturally. I was always the boy crazy one, and she would always tell me to just "take a chill pill", oh how I miss those days. High school came around and that's when we knew we were going to be friends forever.

Ever since we were young we would go to each other's dance recitals. My junior year recital was the one I remember the most. After the show all the dancers would go out to the lobby and collect the flowers from excited family and friends. I walked out and my whole family and Katie and her mom were there. Since it was my junior year I only had one more recital left. After all the congratulating stopped Katie's mom said, "oh well this might be the last time we see you dance." I was extremely confused on why that was; she then proceeded to say that Katie might be moving to New York for the next year.

I stood there in complete and utter shock I could feel my chin quivering and eyes starting to water, all I remember at that exact moment was trying to fight the tears. It was so shocking. I had a million things circulating in my head because of what she said. Katie never told she had an opportunity to dance at a ballet school in New York. My initial reaction was to ask why she never told me. I had so many emotions because finding out that the one person you are closest to is leaving made my heart drop.

I am a pretty emotional person so of course I started crying hysterically and honestly it was quite embarrassing. The next day Katie and I talked about it and of course I didn't want her to go because we were supposed to spend senior year together. Ever since I was little I always wanted to have senior year be the best year, but since she wasn't with me for it I was literally lost and had to expand my social skills and make new friends.

First day of senior year arrived, I was nervous and had a weird feeling in my stomach. Unlike most seniors I walked straight to my class instead of mingling. I sat there the whole period anticipating the bell to dismiss you for break, a few seconds later the bell rang and I didn't know where to go so as a walk down the hallways I see people I know but I couldn't get the nerve to just start walking with them and have a conversation. I went straight to the locker and stood there like I was waiting for someone but in reality I was a loner, confused and lost. I did have one friend that I was close to and that is Catelyn. How ironic right? She saw me just standing there and invited me to the table in the quad. I was relieved that the people at the table liked me. It wasn't Katie but at least I had new friends. I wouldn't say senior year was miserable without her but it was a huge learning experience to not share every moment of my time with her. We still talked when she was in New York so that was a plus. When she moved it really made me cherish every moment I have with someone because I never

know what the future has in store. One day in December I came home from school and a got a call, it was Katie I was ecstatic to answer it and talk to her. She said to me, “are you home?” I was confused on why she was asking me this but a few seconds later after saying “yes”, I heard a knock at my door. It was Katie standing there in her “airplane clothes” as she likes to call them. She came to surprise me! That moment was by far the happiest moment of my life.

With Katie moving we definitely became closer because we realized that we will always be here for each other even miles apart. If you really think about how many people will stay with you when they move on with their lives...I can definitely say that Katie and I will always be here for each other.

Right before I left to leave for college she said to me, “now it’s time for your adventure”. I hold onto those words the most because she believes in me and knows I have potential for greatness. I honestly think her leaving made me love her even more and I love that our friendship is so strong.

Goodbyes aren’t forever it’s just a goodbye for now. Her leaving made me really think that true friendship will last over any obstacle. I can honestly say I am very blessed to have her in my