

# STARDUST

*Spoken by Yvaine*

You know when I said I knew little about love?  
That wasn't true. I know a lot about love. I've seen it, centuries and centuries of it, and it was the only thing that made watching your world bearable. All those wars — pain, lies, hate... It made me want to turn away and never look down again. But when I see the way that mankind loves... you could search to the furthest reaches of the universe and never find anything more beautiful.

So yes, I know that love is unconditional. But I also know that it can be unpredictable, unexpected, uncontrollable, unbearable, and strangely easy to mistake for loathing, and... I think I love you... I never imagined I'd know it for myself. My heart - it feels like my chest can barely contain it - like it's trying to escape because it doesn't belong to me anymore. It belongs to you. And if you wanted it, I'd wish for nothing in exchange: no gifts, no goods, no demonstrations of devotion. Nothing but knowing you loved me too.  
Just your heart, in exchange for mine.

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