

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

by Charles Dickens

You are part of my existence,
part of myself.

You have been in every
line I have ever read,
since I first came here...

You have been in every prospect
I have ever seen since –
on the river, on the sails of the ships,
on the marshes, in the clouds,
in the light, in the darkness,
in the wind, in the woods,
in the sea, in the streets.

You have been the embodiment
of every graceful fancy
that my mind has ever
become acquainted with.

The stones of which the strongest
London buildings are made,
are not more real,
or more impossible
to be displaced by your hands,
than your presence and
influence have been to me,
there and everywhere,
and will be.