The Before and After Effect

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To say I love you is an understatement.

When you love somebody, it is like everything revolves around you and that one person. I have never felt that kind of love before. But with you, the word love has a deeper meaning than the dictionary defines it. With you my world stops, time disappears, and our moments together get stuck in time.

Needing you is an understatement.

When you need someone, you will learn to wait infinite amounts of time for them to need you, just how you need them. I have never needed someone as much as I need you. With you, the amount of need we have for each other is riding the same wave. Bobbing up and down, slowly but surely.

Wanting you in my life forever is an understatement.

I went through seventeen years of life without you. I went through life without knowing how great life could be. Now a year later I gave seen the greater side of life with you by my side. I cannot begin to imagine a life without you now. You are my future.

Loving you, needing you, and believing we had a future was my greatest mistake.

It has been twelve months, three hundred and sixty-five days since you left. At first, I wanted you to come back. I wanted to love you, need you, and have a future with you. I wanted us forever. As time slowly passed and the seasons came and go. I moved through life without you and continued to focus on myself. I grew out of loving you. I grew out of needing you. I grew out of wanting you in my life forever.

Life was an understatement, but that is the before and after effect of loving and losing.