

FAVORITE POEMS TAMUK

I LOVED YOU

Alexander Pushkin, 1799-1837

This poem is near and dear to my heart because it was sent to me by my boyfriend. He lives overseas currently so our relationship has had its ups and downs since we are so far apart. When he first sent me this poem, I thought he was breaking up with me. Crazy, I know. Luckily that was not the case at all. He sent me this poem to let me know that no matter how far apart we are and even if we go our separate ways, he will always have a place in his heart for me. This poem shows that the greatest test of love is the ability to wish good for the other person even if you lose them.

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I loved you; and perhaps I love you still,
The flame, perhaps, is not extinguished; yet
It burns so quietly within my soul,
No longer should you feel distressed by it.
Silently and hopelessly I loved you,
At times too jealous and at times too shy.
God grant you find another who will love you
As tenderly and truthfully as I.

from Pinsky, Robert and Dietz, Maggie, eds. Transl. D. M. Thomas. Americans' Favorite Poems. New York: Norton, 2000. 224.