

# Decide

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Daylight fades as a cold, wintry chill fills the air.

This feels like the end of familiar days.

Will she come with me?

Will she leave it all behind?

She has thirty minutes to decide.

Minutes tick by like lies—

Cold and unfeeling,

Callous and unyielding.

Time flies by as the wind whips my cloak about my long form,

And my raven hair tangles in my middle-aged features.

She knows the risk,

She knows the score,

She knows we could fail...

That we could lose—

We stand to lose if we stay.

Hope hangs in the balance as I wait.

Five minutes remain.

I look back at the place that I have called home for the better part of  
My bitter and unforgiving life.

I stare long enough to say goodbye to the place of haunted dreams.

Before I tear my eyes away, I see a form moving in the distance.

My heart freezes as I drink her in.

She has come.

She has decided to alter our lives.

I take her smaller hand in mine,

Firmly knowing that as we walk away, we alter time.

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