

A Walk on the Beach

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Today was the last day of my life. As I took my last breath, a white haze overcame me, and the next thing I knew, I found myself walking along the shores of Pirrmill Beach on the Isle of Arran. It was one of the first places Severus and I went after we declared our love for each other. I stopped and watched the waves as they ebbed and flowed, and I remembered all the times we spent here. We honeymooned here, and we returned for family vacations over the years.

As I walked further, I felt a presence behind me. Turning around, I saw him – tall and lean with his shoulder-length black hair and black robes billowing in the wind. I smiled and started running toward him. Severus opened his arms, and as he caught me, he twirled me around a couple of times before setting me back down on the ground. He looked as if he hadn't aged at all. In fact, he looked just as he did when we first fell in love.

"Hermione, my love," Severus murmured in my bushy hair.

"Severus," I breathed. "I'm here with you now. Thank you for meeting me."

"I've been waiting for you, love," Severus said as he gave me a chaste kiss on the lips. "Now that you're here, what do you want to do?"

I smiled. "Whatever you wish, Severus," I said. "Just as long as you're here with me."

Severus enfolded me in his embrace. Once I had got past his cold and prickly exterior, I discovered just how warm and affectionate he was. It was so endearing. "I've missed you," he said into my hair.

"And I you," I replied.

We walked hand-in-hand along the beach, toward the sunset, and onward to our next great adventure.

A/N: Prompt issued by silverdoe: *Pick any character. They have one day left to live. How do they spend it?* I'll admit – I didn't exactly answer the prompt, but I hope it will still suit. Without the disclaimer and A/N, this story contains exactly 300 words according to Microsoft Word. Thanks go to WriterMerrin for the Saturday evening beta-reading.