## This Year

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'The twinkling lights, joyful laughter ringing through the blustery air, people hugging, smiling, and waving hello to passersby, people rushing to purchase the perfect gift for that special someone... all signs of the Christmas season.'

'Though, sometimes it seems they're in a hurry to get nowhere, to buy something that will only be discarded when the value has disappeared and nothing more can be gained from it—'

'They'll never realise the gifts that matter most are ones that cannot be purchased for any amount of money and gathered in dressed up packages underneath pine or spruce trees. There are things that last forever, things that leave an indelible mark upon all who receive...'

'Love, the best gift of all.'

'This year, I give you something only one has had before. My--'

'Heart, Severus?'

'Yes, Hermione.'

'It's more than I could ask.'

'And all that you deserve.'

A/N: The following prompt was given by twilexis: Dialogue only. The greatest gifts are those given from the heart (preferably christmassy, but can be any gift). Thanks to debjunk for the quick beta.