

Because I Love You

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You told me to go. So I went.

You couldn't watch me sit there and waste away. Waiting for redemption in the form of domestic tedium.

I resisted, for a time. 'I need this,' I said, 'We fought for the right to live with banality.' I was enraged when you told me so stridently that no, I had it wrong. We had fought for the right to choose. Whatsoever path I elected to tread was now my entitlement, and you would be there for me, regardless of my choice.

'My choice is to leave you.' I wanted to make you hurt, beg me to stay. I know it worked; I could tell. My anger evaporated with your words, 'And my choice is to wait for you.'

I knew then that I was broken and that staying with you here, now, wasn't going to fix me.

'It's because I love you,' you said. I felt the same.