

When I Wonder About Tomorrow

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Original Story



The Last Train to You – Part 9: When I Wonder About Tomorrow

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Chapter 1: Quiet Doubts

Emma sat by her desk at home.

The letter from the company was still in front of her.

“We would like to offer you the position...”

It was a good job.

A job she had wanted for years.

But taking it meant moving to another city.

She touched the small postcard from Tom in her pocket.

“First date... the first of many.”

Her heart ached.

She loved Tom. She wanted to be near him.

But this job... it was her dream.

Could she do both?

Could she love him and follow her future?

She didn't know.

Chapter 2: A Distance Between Them

The next evening, Emma and Tom met at the hill.

The sunset was soft, but Emma's mind was heavy.

“Hi,” Tom said.

“Are you okay?”

Emma smiled faintly.

“I'm fine.”

They walked slowly along the path.

Tom talked about his week.

Emma listened, nodding.

But her thoughts were elsewhere.

Finally, Tom looked at her.

“Emma... you seem quiet.

Is something wrong?”

Emma swallowed.

“I... got a job offer.”

Tom’s eyes lit up at first.

“That’s amazing! I’m so proud of you!”

Emma’s smile faded.

“But it’s in another city.”

Tom stopped walking.

“You mean... you might leave?”

Emma nodded.

“I don’t know what to do.”

Tom’s face became serious.

“Emma... I want to support you.

But I also... don’t want to lose you.”

Emma looked down.

Her hands trembled.

“I know. I love you.

I don’t want to lose you either.”

Chapter 3: Letters That Were Never Sent

That night, Emma sat at her desk.

She wrote, but didn’t send:

“Tom, I love you.

I want to stay. I want to be with you.

But this job... it is my dream.

I don’t know if I can do both.

I’m afraid.”

She read the words over and over.

Her heart ached more each time.

She knew she had to talk to Tom.
But she couldn't.
She was afraid of his answer.

Chapter 4: Tom's Thoughtful Silence

Tom, meanwhile, was pacing his small apartment.
He sensed something was wrong.

He wanted to call Emma.
He wanted to ask what she was thinking.
But he also wanted to give her space.

He remembered the promise they made on the hill:
"Even in hard times, we stand together."

Could he really do that?
Could he let her choose her path, even if it meant leaving him?

He didn't know.

Chapter 5: A Rainy Afternoon

Two days later, it rained.
Emma and Tom met in the café.
The sky was gray, and water ran in streams down the windows.

They sat across from each other, warm drinks in hand.

"Emma," Tom said finally,
"I can feel something is wrong.
Please... tell me."

Emma looked out the window.
The rain blurred the street.
She felt like her thoughts were blurred too.

"I... I got the job offer," she said softly.
"And it's in another city."

Tom nodded slowly.
"And you're thinking of taking it?"

Emma bit her lip.

“I don’t know... I want to... but it means leaving you.”

Tom reached across the table and took her hand.

His eyes were calm, but his heart was racing.

“Emma... your dreams are important.

I don’t want to stop you.”

Emma’s eyes filled with tears.

“But I don’t want to lose us.”

Tom squeezed her hand gently.

“You won’t lose us.

We’ll find a way.

Even if it’s hard, even if we’re apart for a while.”

Emma felt a small hope bloom.

But it was still fragile.

Chapter 6: The Evening Walk

They walked through the quiet streets.

The rain had stopped.

Streetlights reflected in small puddles.

“I’m scared,” Emma admitted.

“Scared that I’ll choose the job... and lose you.”

Tom stopped and looked at her.

“Emma... listen.

I will be okay if you follow your dream.

Yes, I’ll miss you.

But I’ll wait for you.

I’ll support you.

I want you to grow.

I want you to shine.”

Tears fell.

Emma wiped them quickly.

“Tom... you’re amazing.”

He smiled softly.
“I want us to be strong.
Not just for us, but for our future.”

Emma leaned into him.
They walked silently.
But their hearts spoke clearly.

Chapter 7: Small Decisions

That night, Emma wrote again.
But this time, she sent it:

*“Tom, I’ve decided to take the job.
I’m scared.
But I want us to grow together, even if we’re apart sometimes.
Thank you for understanding me.
I love you.”*

Tom read it in his apartment.
He smiled through his nervousness.
He typed back immediately:

*“Emma... I’m proud of you.
We can do this.
I love you too.
Always.”*

Emma felt a warm weight in her chest.
Not heavy.
Not painful.
But the weight of love, trust, and courage.

Chapter 8: The Promise of Tomorrow

The next day, they met at the hill again.
The sky was bright, the air crisp.

Emma looked at Tom.
“I’m nervous.”

Tom smiled.

“So am I.

But we’ll manage. Together.”

They held hands.

Tightly.

Not letting go.

“Even if we’re apart,” Tom whispered,

“our hearts will stay close.”

Emma nodded.

“Yes. Our hearts.”

They watched the river flow quietly.

And for the first time, the future didn’t feel scary.

It felt full of hope.

Because even in distance,

even in uncertainty,

love could still guide them.

Chapter 9: A Step Forward

Emma kissed Tom lightly.

“Thank you,” she said softly.

“For what?”

“For understanding. For loving me. For being you.”

Tom kissed her forehead.

“You’ve got your life to live, Emma.

And I’ll be with you, every step.”

Emma smiled.

Her heart was calm now.

Not because the decision was easy,

but because love was strong enough to hold them through the hard times.

And together,

they took a small, steady step forward.

The first step of many.

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