



## Jerome

I am so excited to see you; only 26 more days until you are in my arms. The best part is that we will be meeting in the same place we met for the first time. Toronto Union Station has a special place in my heart. I still remember sitting on the GO Train feeling nervous and excited for our first date, thinking I hope this guy isn't a murderer. And I arrived into the train station with wide eyes. I knew very little about Toronto and I really was amazed by the city. I looked all over for you and I was worried I wouldn't be able to recognize you. But when I saw you with that cute (ugly) brown hat, blue jeans, and that magnificent smile of yours, I fell in love instantly.

I had no idea where our relationship would take us; if you had have asked me at that time I would have told you this would only be a summer fling that would end when I left for Ottawa. But we both realized that our love was too special for it to end like that. When you came to Ottawa and we explored the city together, I knew you and I would share our lives together.

It was difficult to be away from you. On one hand, I was starting law school and it was so exciting, on the other hand, I had just met my soul mate. I felt conflicted and confused. All I wanted was to be in your arms every night. When the opportunity presented itself and you decided to join me in the Nation's Capital, that was the real game changer. I felt my love and connection with you growing every day. You enriched my life in ways I couldn't understand until you were no longer physically in it.

Making the decision to bring Ted into our family was one that would change the course of our lives forever. No longer was it about you and I, now we had a son to think of. Even though times may have been tough, you were always tougher and I thank you for that. Ted is a large part of our life and our love, and you saved him, together we saved him. We knew that I could not provide Ted the home he deserved and we made sure he got to where he needed to be. Now we need to make sure I get to where I need to be, with you. I don't care if you want to move to the moon, I will come with you.

You're my soul mate and, even though no amount of distance can change that, it physically hurts to be apart. I want to live in Grande Prairie with you and build our life together. I feel like we have been preparing for this for the past three years and we're almost there. I want to build snowmen with you on

weekends, snuggle you at night, and make your lunch when you're too busy to feed yourself. I am so excited for what the future holds for the Sharpe-Downey family.

Please take this message and let it keep you warm while you're in the field. I love you with all my heart and I respect your strength in the face of adversity. Keep working hard and I'll see you in 26 days.

All my love,

Alana

