

# I love you, I promise

I feel the ache in my bones,  
the thrill in my heart,  
the void in my mind,  
the pain in my blood.

I miss your arms around my waist,  
your lips meeting mine,  
secretly going out in the night,  
holding hands without any sense of time.

They took you away, wielding their weapons,  
somewhere into a foreign land.  
My tears reflect everything we've had  
before they barbarically put us to an end.  
They say we're not supposed to be, but how would they know?  
I begged to change the prophecy several nights in a row.  
Smiling became rare, and laughing was forbidden.  
Running tears became a common event, and creeping sadness was the usual.

No night ends without me wishing for you to come back one day.  
No day dies without my bitterly-pleading soul.  
Only with you, my life's whole.

I'll guard you like a tattoo in my head.  
I'll never forget all the things you've said.  
You're my current, I'm honest—  
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