

I SAID GOODBYE TODAY

I said goodbye today.

His muscular, strong arms held my trembling body so tight, as if he knew this
Was the final moment he would
Hold me. Support me. Love me.
Tears ran down soft skin,
Whimpering,
Whispers of words not want left unsaid.
Words held tightly to.

Two weeks today.

Since those arms left my reach. Not a word from his lips, an eternity I will wait.
It feels foreign, to open my eyes after restless sleep and not to feel
His fingers intertwined with mine, not to feel
His steady heartbeat next to me. Not to see
His eyes bright and smile sincere as he walks through the door
Shatters not only my heart, but
So many others too.

Two months, three days.

You fearlessly left to fight for freedom. To die for freedom.
Her sixteenth birthday bought back memories once forgotten with time of him.
She smiled, laughed, sung, all welcomed distractions,
I see you in the way her eyes crinkle up at the sides when she smiles.
But it's impossible not to know,
What she wished for when those
Candles went out.

Just over twelve months.

To this day I haven't felt such strong
emptiness.
I am lost.
Detached.
Meaningless without you.
"Gave his life" and "bravery not forgotten"
Ring louder and louder,
Over and over.
Inescapable and unbearable,
I didn't think I'd have to say
Goodbye again.