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Voicemail

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VOICEMAIL CHERISH MATHEWS

(Please leave a message after the beep.)

"Hey there, um-
I-I was wondering if you would pick up!
It's just, I have so much to say
But not enough time.
And I dunno if you'd want to hear it,
But here goes . . .

I know we wanted to do so much together,
And then I left you alone.
I guess- I was just scared of our dreams,
Because, well, the more I grew up
The farther they seemed out of our reach.

God, I want to hold you in my arms now
Cause I know how badly you crave comfort,
But I can't prepare you for the eventual hurt,
So I'll carry the consequences for later.

Y'know, I still can't discern the difference
Between my sensuality and sexuality . . .
It's funny- we never cared in the past!
But now . . . it claws down my throat every day-
I'm at a constant battle with myself-
Identity is just so difficult to understand-
Y'know, it would've been nice for some help!

. . . Sorry.
You don't deserve that.
Then again, we never understood what we deserved.

I'm sorry I left you behind.
I'm sorry we're still fighting each other.

. . . But it would be nice to hear from you again."

(Beep.)

Author Statement

"I wrote 'Voicemail' after coming to terms with the fact that who I am today is a lot more different than who my younger self aspired to be in the past. It's almost a bittersweet feeling- kind of like you're trying to tell your younger self the things you wish you could have done, or what will happen- only they can't hear you. So instead, you send them a message hoping they can hear you somehow, even if it's difficult to talk to them."