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You don't know it, until you suddenly *do*.
It slams into your chest with all the subtlety of a freight train;

You love her.

Looking at her gazing out over the cityscape,
it's like that first breath of winter air,
harsh and brisk and beautiful in its sharpness.
And you feel so very young and fragile,
so incredibly old and strong.

The noisy symphony of cars
battling it out for an inch of pavement
has become the soundtrack of your movie.

Your story.

Together written on stone steps and park benches,
and on every shirt stained with the soda
that came out of her nose when she laughed.
She knows it, and suddenly you do too.
And *Casablanca* can't even begin to compare.