

CHARLIE SIDE 1

Hi. Hey. Hello. Hi.

(He hangs up. Waits. Calls again)

I know it's late. I know. I just had something to say to you. And I think it needed to be said. God you're pretty. No. That's not what I wanted to say. But it's true. Don't think I don't think that. You were always so pretty. What I wanted to tell you, and maybe I've always thought this or maybe I just realized. That doesn't matter. It's four in the morning and I don't know where I am, and I want to tell you that I think I believe in God.

(Beat)

You're probably gonna think I'm high. I promise you I'm not. Though I am a little hung over. Or maybe I'm still drunk. But. You always said I let life pull me by the ankles. And you're right. God you're so right. But I met a woman tonight. Which is a weird thing for me to be telling you. Somehow I think it won't bother you, though. I wish it would. Maybe it will. But I met a woman--or really a woman met me. And she was very pretty. And she asked me to come to her apartment, and we drank every type of alcohol. And she held me, and she danced with me, and I think we're in love. Just for tonight. And she made me think about you. Because she asked me this question. Just before she took me into her room, she asked me if I wanted to kiss her. Which was really funny. Because we'd been kissing for a while at this point, like kissing for hours, but she looked at me so serious, and she asked me if I wanted to kiss her. And that made me feel brave. And it made me feel like my heart was just breaking. Because here was this woman who was asking me to do something I'd already done. Asking me to kiss her for the first time all over again. And all of a sudden she looked like you. In the simplest way possible. And I started to think about the last thing you ever said to me. How you just looked at me with this beautiful smile--god you were so beautiful--and you just looked at me and you said "Charlie I'm tired." I just walked away. I don't know what I was supposed to do. Maybe I should have asked you to kiss me.