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I love you, so I memorize you
you love pineapple on pizza and hate peanut butter
it cuts me to the core when I forget, offer you peanut butter, when your
boyfriend corrects me
I should know you best

you were obsessed with horses for years
I cram as much of you into my mind as I can
pushing out Spanish conjugations and the intricacies of American bureau-
cracy in favor of everything you are

I memorize your face so well it shocks me to see your older self staring
back at me
instead of the kid I remember
I expect you to remember everything about me, too
crushed when you forget small details
because I would never
but then again, not everyone loves the same way I do

the way your hair curls at the end
the freckle on your wrist, just under your palm
the soft snores you make at night, the ones you claim never happened
how you've grown into that chin and those eyelashes

drinking in every detail like it'll keep you from changing
growing away from me
finding yourself
not knowing that I already found you a million times, that all you've been
is already contained in my mind

I love you, so I memorize you
and I memorize everyone I love