November 22, 2022

Dear Laura,

Hey there, beautiful! How are you doing? I know it's been a while since we last talked or even messaged each other, but I hope you're having fun and doing awesome stuff over there. Writing that last sentence, I can't help but feel a slight knot start to form in my throat. But that's only because I miss you very much, because the days when we talked and hung out almost daily are now somewhat of a memory that I hold very dear in my heart.

Every day I drive by the pool lounge where we once had our first beers (with your horribly made fake ID) and shared so many moments for years and years. And though I know that this bond of ours will never break, it doesn't mean that I don't wish you could be here from time to time. I know I said I'd visit, but a lot of things have kept my attention here, so I guess this is all I can do to get close to you for now.

By now I've realized that things change and that life moves on whether you're ready o not. Still, it's not a bad thing at all. Every time I see your posts or get to read one of your articles it makes me so proud of what you've become, and the fact that you never gave up on your dream of being a famous journalist.

You may not believe this, but I have a file on my laptop with many of your stories from back in the day, and all the way to the last one. Maybe it's that knot speaking, but even though things have changed and our lives have moved a bit astray from each other, I hope you know that we'll always be friends and that I'll be there for you whenever you need it, no questions asked.

You and me have made other bonds and friendships over time, and yet the second I see your texts or get a call from you, it's like we jump in time back to that table, or maybe we just make time stop to see how far we've come.

I'm so proud to see you grow, and I selfishly wish you could've found a way to do your thing a little closer, but I wouldn't change anything in this story of ours. No matter how far you go or where you choose to be, you'll always be my best friend, and I love you very much.

Stay in touch before I go make you, ok?

Your #1,

Amanda