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Inside a desk drawer
tears wait under post-its
and a box of crayons

Forgotten

Pieces of paper not yet yellowed with age

Ink and lead is absorbed
spread across the pages like blood drained away
I

Love

You

A hand begins to tremble
The letters laugh darkly
Always

Ever

Yours

The notes are crawling
and creeping up her arms
her neck
the final goal

achieved

Slowly tightening –
her breath is gone
She folds in tears
as pieces of paper
not yet yellowed with age
flap
innocently on the floor