To my sister Chloe

by Tara Nicole Golden

Chloe:

I got the news today, and it broke my heart. Even though I understand completely, it still makes me so sad that I am going to dedicate my day to you and mourn your loss, even though I never had the pleasure of meeting you. I am sorry...

I am sorry that you believed that this world holds more pain then it does beauty,

I am sorry that for many of us that is true in the world we live in today.

I am sorry that your beautiful brown eyes closed,

I am sorry that the loss of their light has made the world a little darker.

I am sorry that I never got to meet you,

There is so much that I could have told you.

I could have told you that it gets better,

I could have told you that there are people who will love you simply for who you are,

I could have told you that for every weak, insignificant person who bullies people like us,

There are ten more wonderful, amazing people that love us for who we are.

I could have told you so much,

But I was not there for you.

I'm sorry.

I'm sorry, because I know.

I know the darkness of fear and feeling alone

I know how it feels like you will never find

The simple, wonderful things in life,

Such as beauty and love and hope and dreams...

I know how trying to find yourself and trying to find beauty

Sometimes is so frightening...

I know because I have been exactly where you were

And I'm sorry that I could not have been there to hold you and save you Like people were for me.

I'm sorry that for some reason I survived, and you didn't.

I would gladly pay whatever price to change that.

But I can't.

I never got the opportunity to meet you

I never got to tell you how beautiful you were,

I never got to tell you how strong I thought you were,

I never got to simply tell you that you are not alone.

I wish you all the best my sister.



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I hope that you are somewhere beautiful,

I hope that you have fully found happiness

I hope that you know that you are remembered, By people you never met.

I hope you know that you have a huge family, And each of us miss you.

I hope that you know...

That you have a sister in the city,
Who will never forget you,
And will do my best,
To speak a little louder,
To speak to more people,
To find the pretty Chloe's out there,

And tell them what I could not tell you.

I hope you know that
My heart wears a ribbon
In honor of you...

And someday...

You and I are going to get to sit down together, Whether in-between or in the next life, And I will be able to tell you...
You are beautiful, And I love you.

But for now...

I am collecting my tears To make a set of jewelry They are glittery and would look great with your eyes A gift, from my eyes to yours. And I am collecting words, I am going to put these words down **Embroider them into a book** That will tell others that it does get better. And I am going to fill the space In my arms, in my heart and in my life That I never filled with you, To fill with others like you And tell them about Chloe And all those like her Beautiful creatures that shimmered for a moment And then were taken to light up the sky. Good night little sister, I love you and I miss you,

Tara Golden