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CLAIRE, MY ECLAIR
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ANDRES, a boy around 16 years old, talks to his ex-girlfriend, Claire. He begs her for forgiveness in stealing from her father, and pleads that she consider how his actions were always for the benefit of their relationship.

ANDRES

Claire, Claire—my éclair...My chocolatey, sweet treat, my—okay, okay! I'll stop! Don't leave! I won't call you that. I guess—I don't deserve to call you that, do I? You're not my—you're not my éclair now. Not anymore. I'm just—if you're sweet then I'm, I'm a—a—a Tylenol, like when you chew it up. All bitter and gross. That's me. I know it, Claire. I'm a gross chewed up Tylenol, and you don't deserve that. Why would you talk to me? Why would you even look at me after what I did?

(pause)

But you do look at me. And that's just because—that's just because you're so perfect. You're like, the most incredible person in the world, and I was so lucky for those two months to be part of such an incredible person's life.

(pause)

And, I want you to know, I mean, I hope you already do—but...I know I messed up. You trusted me and I stole money from your dad. And I lied. And, and, that's not cool, Claire. That's so not what a beautiful sweet breakfast treat deserves, but you know, I did it to take you to all those concerts in the city because I know you love live music. And to get you that necklace with real diamonds, not the cubic-whatever you said Chad got you when you dated him. And to take you to the Olive Garden—remember we had a 4 course meal? And all of that, all of that means something!

(pause)

I know you have to think about it. If you'll take me back. Of course. Of course. Think about it. And don't answer now, because you're mad and you're sad and hurt and I get that. Just...I need you. You're the only person that can give me even an ounce of sweetness. But that's just because you're so perfect. And so kind. And, and, and forgiving. Right, Claire? You're forgiving?

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