

# Liz Flahive's From Up Here

Charlie: (teens)

Charlie has a big crush on Lauren, and after singing her a song, he delivers a quick-paced comic monologue revealing his feelings for her.

I wrote you that song. I wrote it because when I see you, normally, it's just, it's just a mess. When I think about you I can't breathe and I look at you and I'm not sure you're real. You just look like... Like if someone were to say, Hey can you draw a girl and I drew you they'd be like, hey, that's a perfect drawing of a girl, you're a real good artist. And my hands get all shaky when I want to touch you and you know that great hollow feeling you get in your stomach when you see someone you've been thinking about for days and then you turn the corner and there they are. And it's like... (he exhales all the air in his lungs until the breath just stops) And the bottom drops out and I feel like I have no actual mass or dimension and it's like maybe I'm seeing you at that moment after having thought about you because you were, at the same time, thinking about me. And that's how we ended up at the exact same place in the exact same moment. By thinking about it that much. Do you need a ride?