

I'VE LEARNED

MELANIE

I'VE LEARNED..... THAT POWER DOES NOT EQUATE TO ALWAYS BEING RIGHT.

I'VE LEARNED..... THAT BEING A PROTECTOR IS MORE THAN BEING A PROVIDER.

I'VE LEARNED..... THAT YOU CAN TAKE FOR GRANTED THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN YOUR LIFE

I'VE LEARNED..... THAT YOU CAN'T FORCE SOMEONE TO GIVE YOU THEIR HEART

I'VE LEARNED..... THAT THE SAME THING THAT MAKES YOU SMILE CAN MAKE YOU CRY SOMETIMES

I'VE LEARNED..... THAT SOMETIMES; AT SOME POINT; IT IS BETTER TO BE ALONE AND HOPE; THAN BE WITH SOMEONE ELSE TO FILL TIME

I'VE LEARNED..... THAT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE QUIET AND LISTEN

I'VE LEARNED..... IT MAY BE BETTER TO SPEND A LIFE ALONE THAN TO CHASE AFTER WHAT YOU'VE LOST...BECAUSE IT CHEAPENS THE MAJESTY OF WHAT YOU HAD.

I'VE LEARNED.... JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN DO SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN YOU NEED TO DO IT.

I'VE LEARNED.... THAT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SIT STILL WITH NO GUARANTEES AND JUST HOPE.

I'VE LEARNED.... THAT LIFE WITHOUT YOU IS NOT LIFE AT ALL...IT IS MERE EXISTENCE.

I'VE LEARNED.... THAT I CAN DO BETTER BY YOU

I KNOW..... THAT I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU...TILL THE DAY I DIE...

JAMES

YOU

Before I met you, life moved by so fast. I was so involved every moment with a new endeavor, a new project. Women and their company were only to fill brief moments and hours between achievements.

Then I met you. Every moment with you, time stood still and I savored every moment, because I was so content and happy. Even you watching you sleep gave me such peace and contentment...because you were there with me.

Without you, time stands still, not because of joy and contentment....because of emptiness. Without you, what was once important (achievement and accomplishment) has no meaning. Without you, life seems as though it will be too long where before, I counted the days, weeks, months and years...wondering how long I would be youthful, vibrant and relevant.

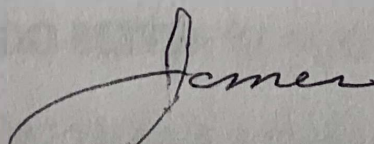
Before you, I could never imagine being with a woman without having a career for a distraction. Then I met **you**. I could spend days, hours and weeks with you, doing other things than work. I never experienced this.

Before you, I never felt the bonding of a man to a woman, **when the two become one**. I have experienced that while not even realizing that it was happening.

Our parents never teach us what to look for in finding that one special person, because seldom does anyone find that person. I know that I have found that special person in you. The person who is **inextricably** linked to my heart and soul.

The risk of losing you has destroyed my veneer of always being in control. You control my heart. You occupy my thoughts...all day...and during the dull emptiness of the night.

Come back to me....


JAMES