

## Chapter Three - 2014 "All I Want Is You"

Artist: U2

Writer: Bono (words), U2 (music)

*"You say you want  
Your love to work out right,  
To last with me through the night."*

In 2013, that dark year between our chapters, I found myself waiting for something I had come to call The Grand Distraction. I looked for it in afternoon bottles of sake and tall pours of midnight whiskey. I filled my days with old obsessions and my nights with the words of the city. I looked for it in the cracks of sidewalks where I stumbled home.

But The Grand Distraction never came. There was nothing high enough in proof or lyrical enough to even begin to purge the emotional memory of my time with Jennifer in Chapter Two.

At the end of 2013, after nearly a year of trying to forget, we met for a summit of the heart in Athens, Alabama. It was there that the soundtrack for our next chapter began, though we didn't know at that time a next chapter would happen. And it was there that U2's "All I Want Is You" firmly inserted itself into my playlist.

The lyrics told me what I already knew: Beneath all the longing for something to occupy my time and mind, my heart still missed the only person meant for me. Nothing would ever come along to change that.

*"But all the promises we make  
From the cradle to the grave,  
When all I want is you."*

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