



**DAVID'S LONELY DAYS & NIGHTS**  
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love that was missing now to make it complete.

He reached over to turn on the radio and soon the soft sounds of music could be heard. An old song was playing and the words seemed to have been written with only David in mind tonight. "... a certain smile, a certain face ..."

His fingers played with the steering wheel as he thought of the lyrics and repeated them to himself. That was how it would start. A certain smile.

He had often tried to picture what his special person would look like and had always failed. When he dreamed, the face was never clear, always just a vague impression of beauty for him. But the first clue, he knew, would be in her smile.

That smile would hold all the warmth, kindness, and joy of life that would answer his every need. It would hint at all the happiness that he and she would share from the beginning. A happiness that wasn't complete until they met—like the two halves of a whole.

**A MUTUAL APPRECIATION**

David released the catch and pushed the seat back. With his legs stretched out and his hands clasped behind his neck, he leaned his head back and began to imagine.

It was only last week that he had gone to a party alone. He had to work late recording again and hadn't felt it right to make a date for the evening when he wasn't actually sure he would get to the party before it ended. How nice it would have been to have someone then! Someone who would have waited patiently for him to finish work and then gone with him despite the time. Someone who wouldn't pout at his irregular hours but who would be happy to spend even those few hours with him.

That party had been fun. But it would have been so much more fun if he had someone to share it with. That was true about everything, though.

He closed his eyes. He knew with such certainty that everything he had now would be twice as important to him if only he had someone with whom he could share it with.

Even buying a chair for the house would be more fun because they would have taken the time to wait and look for exactly what they wanted.

A walk in the mountains or on the beach would bring them closer together with each other and with the world, enjoying the beauty of Nature without needing to speak. A gentle pressure

from her hand as he held it would say what they shared more than any words!

Performing would become more meaningful to him, too. He would sing each song with love for her alone and she would sense it. And her pride would show in that same wonderful smile he knew so well, and he would work even harder with his talent because her pride in him and his ability would mean the world to him.



A loud crash of thunder brought David back into reality. Large drops of rain were quickly forming patterns on the windshield as the clouds steadily gave up their burden. A bright flash of lightning made the darkness disappear for an instant, lighting up the house and the garden. Where a few moments before his house had appeared dark and half-hidden in shadows, it was for an instant lighted with electrical brilliance.

Just as the house appeared in the light, David knew that his dreams were only dreams. His dreams, just as the house had been, were hidden in shadows now, promising happiness, but when the time came, the dreams would become real in the light.

He was alone now but he had only to wait and have faith that his dreams would come true eventually and not remain part of the darkness in his life.

"She" was there waiting for him somewhere—waiting for him to come so she could hold out her hand to him and smile so that his days and nights would no longer be lonely!

David got out of the car and hurried up the path to the house. As long as he knew she was there somewhere, waiting for him just like he was waiting for her, everything would be all right!

And as he closed the door upon the rain, a smile came over his face. When the time was right she would step forth into the light and into his life and they would be the two happiest people on earth. Though he was sometimes lonely now, that promise for tomorrow was well worth waiting for!

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