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*Violet*  
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To My Sister  
Kait Harland

When you say, “She’s my little sister,” people assume a lot of things.

It depends on the person, what they assume, but they all assume just the same. Some think of their own little sister, who they see mostly as a nuisance, and they’ll assume you feel the same way about yours. Some think of their friend’s kid sister, who’s always getting in the way, and they’ll think, “man, I’m glad I don’t have one of those.” Others are more benevolent, assuming that you love your little sister, but only because she’s family, and you’re obligated to love your family, right?

So maybe instead, I should say, “She’s my best friend.”

Because when you say “best friend,” people realize that you’re talking about the person who’s seen you at your darkest and said “I love you” anyway. They realize that you’re talking about the person you grew