

Epilogue

Though they've never touched hands, their dreams run in the same patterns, and they wake again and again to each other's voice.

As he worries over silt and nitrates in the ocean, she dreams him into her arms. He plants a warm kiss on her belly, and her head falls over the side of the bed. Her brown hair rolls into the ocean as thick ropes of kelp. Fish and mollusks joyfully occupy the shelter. In the weeks that follow, he finds himself wondering "Can a kelp forest filter silt? Absorb nitrates?"

Another night, and in the restful aftermath of their passion, she hears a mournful calling. Rising up, he peers over the top of the Earth, and the white bear pleads: "It's warm. Too warm." She puts her hands on his heart, and he slowly breathes in the warm air. It cools as it expands, and he lifts his face and exhales the heat into the solar wind. Breathe in. Breathe out.

And for those that have fought to keep them apart, the words that echo in their hearts pose a simple question:

*If we could change the world,
Would you be the sunlight in the universe?
Would you think your love was really something good?
If we could...*

Change the world?

With thanks to Eric Clapton.

As ever, they'll be what you make of them.

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