



## The Strangest People



Those we will always love.

"In my experience...and this is a very awkward way to put it, since I don't really know what the word experience means...the strangest people in one's life are the people one has known and loved, still know and will always love. Here, both I and the vocabulary are both



in trouble, for strangest does not imply stranger. A stranger is a stranger is a stranger, simply, and you watch the stranger to anticipate his next move. But the people who elicit from you a depth of attention and wonder which we helplessly call love are perpetually making moves which cannot possibly be anticipated. Eventually, you realize that it never occurred to you to anticipate their next move, not only because you couldn't but because you didn't have to: it was not a question of moving on the next move, but simply, of being present. Danger, true, you try to anticipate, and you prepare yourself, without knowing it, to stand in the way of death. For the strangest people in the world are those people recognized, beneath one's senses, by one's soul...the people utterly indispensable for one's journey."

— James Baldwin

**Reference:**

Baldwin, James. (1979). *Just above my head*. United States. Dial Press

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