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Spring is to the year as morning is to the day. Its brightness, even sweetness, re-awakens our souls. It is a season of openings - from our kitchen windows to our minds eye. We are reminded of our inter-connectedness, to nature, to each other. Anyone who has lived in New England knows it is a time of action, a time to work in gardens and on homes, a time to play and relax in this brief, most pleasant of seasons. It is a perfect time to thank you for letting us participate in a small way in your life's journey.

For all its splendor and promise, the spring seems to come each year tinged with tragedy. The death last weekend of the 22-year old Yale graduate, Marina Keegan, reminds us our time here is unknown and therefore precious. Marina used her short but precious time wisely, lobbying to end the death penalty in Connecticut and helping to organize the Occupy Morgan Stanley movement. She also wrote for the school newspaper.

In her last piece written for Yale's 2012 commencement she wrote:

"We don't have a word for the opposite of loneliness, but if we did, I could say that's what I want in life. What I'm grateful and thankful to have found at Yale, and what I'm scared of losing when we wake up tomorrow and leave this place.

It's not quite love and it's not quite community; it's just this feeling that there are people, an abundance of people, who are in this together. Who are on your team. When the check is paid and you stay at the table."

Recently, several clients have given us some especially kind compliments. Modesty (false or otherwise) aside the truth is those kudos feel great. We are very fortunate to earn a living doing something we love (most days). From the start though, we knew it was all about being on your team. The best player is always the one who makes his or her teammates better. That is the type of teammate, coach, counselor, encourager and teacher we strive to be for you. Our philosophy is that we are indeed "in this together" and we will do whatever we can to help you succeed.

Sincerely,

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