

Regret

A found poem from the letter written by Jalil to Mariam in *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Khaled Hosseini. Compiled by Yonatan Freedman-Naditch.

*Where do I begin? God alone knows.*

*Regret... I have oceans of it.*

*Forgiveness.*

*Your forgiveness is not for sale.*

*This I know. All I can do is ask.*

*Regret... I have oceans of it.*

*Acceptance?*

*I dare allow myself the hope that you might give me the chance.*

*May you find the acceptance that I did not give you.*

*Regret... I have oceans of it.*

*Hope.*

*I still dream. I have dreams of you.*

*It is a hope, weak. For a weak man. Perhaps this is just punishment.*

*I hope you will credit me.*

*That you will be more charitable to me than I ever was to you.*

*That you find happiness, peace.*

*Be well.*