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By Kalyn Dunkins

It always surprised me how sure  
of everything you were.

The way your mind can grasp  
something

complex and  
crumble it like  
an aluminum  
soda can.

As I study you, day by day in passing,  
I wonder if you've figured me out yet.  
Have you figured out the way I know  
exactly

what

I

want

but that I'm

too afraid

to do

anything  
about it?

Does this then make me, the  
soda can, crumbled away along  
with my insecurities?

You smile at me and of course  
I smile back. Yours disappears and  
instead, you intertwine your  
hand with mine, a hand that says,  
"I don't know either, but let's  
figure it out, okay?"

Maybe you will drink from me instead.