

Title: shift  
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in season seven  
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Disclaimer: Mulder and Scully still aren't mine,  
but I sure am glad they're coming back.

Summary: what he wants is her  
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shift  
by susan  
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they sit in the darkened car  
another stakeout  
another middle-of-the-night date

it's not what he envisioned doing  
when they first became partners  
yet  
it's one of the things  
he enjoys doing the most with her now

talking about anything and everything  
while he pops yet another  
sunflower seed into his mouth

it is then that she lets him in  
giving him little glimpses  
of who she is outside of work  
of who she was before he took over her life

and it is then  
that he wants nothing more than to protect her  
to guard her secrets

and keep her safe

of course, she doesn't need or want his protection  
he knows that  
but that doesn't stop him from wanting  
to believe that she does

and it doesn't stop him  
from wanting to share more  
than the front seat of his car  
in the middle of the night

he never thought he'd feel that way about  
anyone  
but nearly dying so many times  
changes a man  
changes what he wants out of his life

and what he wants is her

he thinks she wants more too  
but is afraid to let him all the way in

and yet lately  
there's been a gradual shift  
happening between them

her fingers softly brushing across his lips  
a new year's kiss  
and a playfulness from her  
he's never seen before

it's all leading to something else  
he's certain of it

but for now

he'll simply savor the way  
the moonlight is shining

on the side of her face  
as she raises her eyebrow  
at him for the third time tonight

and he'll take comfort in the fact  
that maybe  
just maybe  
she'll be ready for more  
soon

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Thanks for reading.

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and my other stories here:  
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