

IN MIND'S EAR

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the voice-box tightens when
You're excited or incredulous
much the same when angry
spooked

more measured when You're being
funny
always pausing for the laugh
hanging a note in the air
crooking me forward

it's soothing when You're tired
a deep verbal embrace
honest
more open to listen

You
as I remember the
younger tones
as it sounds in our
imaginary conversations

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