

# ***Never Let Me Go: Study Guide***

## **Characters**

- Kathy
- Tommy
- Ruth
- Harry
- Chrissie/Rodney
- Keffers
- Morningdale
- Lucy
- Emily
- Marie-Claude

## **Places and Signifiers**

- Hailsham
- The Cottages
- Norfolk
- The Barren Field
- Dover
- Kingsfield
- Exchanges
- Sales
- Gallery
- Collections
- *Songs After Dark* / “Never Let Me Go”
- Secret Guard
- Possibles
- Carers
- Donors
- Completion

## **Life in the Face of...**

- Death
- Betrayal
- Maturation
- Departure

## **Relationship Dynamics**

- Communication (Spoken / Unspoken)
- Intimacy (Physical / Emotional)
- Trust (Secrecy / Shared)
- Manipulation and Complication
- Fear (Loss / Abandonment / Irrelevance)

## **Overarching Semester Concerns**

- Love
- Independence
- Identity
- Enlightenment
- Security

## **First-Semester Philosophy Concerns**

- Choice
- Morality
- Happiness
- Death
- The Soul
- The Meaning of Life

## **Boldly Going**

Progress and Social Change  
Hope  
Acceptance, Inclusion, and Equality  
Rights vs. Needs (Many vs. One)

Powerlessness  
Justice  
Transcendence

Society (Duties / Protections)  
Creativity  
Definition of Humanity  
Sympathy and Revulsion