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Hello dear Henry,

Wow, am I ever excited. One week till you come home. Sure hope you still feel like hussing me. Nothing could bother me now, knowing how soon you'll be home. I really miss you - you'll find out how much when you get here.

Oh, babe, I saw pictures of you yesterday. I got a letter from Chris + Ed. They sent pictures from your Wisconsin Campyng Trip. There's a picture of you + Ed leaning and also a picture of you + Ed by the truck - you're sitting over the side of the truck. Both your heads are cut off - so I just see your rear end - but that's O.K. The pictures were really pretty. I can see how you had such a great time. Chris likes school pretty much but she's busy. She also said she's started jogging every morning. See, all the sensible people I know are into it! It was so great to hear from them. It's been awhile. She even mentioned about Ed ~~is~~ taking a drawing course at night. Apparently, ~~he's~~ been drawing up a lot of house plans.

I got a letter from Nike today. They said they were sending my letter (your letter) to the promotional place. They said that Nike does sponsor runners. They said "Perhaps one of your local races that you run in within the next year will be at least ~~be~~ partially sponsored by Nike." They also sent a list of posters available to purchase. They wished me luck in my racing. So thanks for writing to them for me.

Tonight, Tom asked me to go down to the new baseball field to play baseball. Cedarbrook nurses + physical therapy vs. the kitchen. He said I'd be able to play in it.

This weather is invigorating to my body. Running today came so easily. I really love it.

On Sunday night, we + I will be playing again - piano and flute - John Fischer's 'Rest in Him'. I can't believe they asked us to play already. Wish you could be here.

~~I need to see you so bad, Her. I have a need to talk~~  
with you and hold you. You're so beautiful. I'm praying our relationship will be good as before or better. I guess I'm kinda scared you'll find someone better - doesn't seem hard to do. It's so long for you to be away from me. I need your love. So bad.

Nothing real exciting is happening around here.

I'm planning to go hiking on my next Saturday off. The leaves will be really pretty by then. I want to go up to the pinnacle and just sit on top and enjoy. I plan to do a lot of hiking this fall/winter. When you come home, you can give me directions to the pinnacle - I forget how to get there.

I have vacation days left - in fact 1 1/2 weeks left. I want to go somewhere alone for it (at least 4-5 days) Hiking sounds nice if I could do it. I really feel like going, though. I see we have missionary conference this coming week. Do you

have classes during the conference?

Last night, I was told I was signed up for 4 running events + 2 swimming for sports weekend. I went to Marshall and told him it was impossible to be in it. Man, they really bug ya about stuff. I didn't want them to count on me and then not show up.

~~We have 3 pts at the hospital who've had total knee replacements. I really enjoy working with them and seeing their progress. I love to analyze their gait and exercise their knees. Seeing an ↑ in range every day. The neat thing is that there is not much pain involved. Their using a new prosthesis now and the pts have little complaints of pain. I feel like that's my job - not dragging IV poles along while we walk a patient after having gall bladder surgery. I like working with fracture patients - seeing so much progress. I would really enjoy working in a rehabilitation center with amputees and stroke patients. I'm just not fully satisfied at AOH cause it's not as challenging as I'd like.~~

Man, I must have eaten 10 pretzels while I write this. I love um. Pretzels + ice cream seem to be my weakness lately. No, I'm not getting too fat - just

pleasantly plump. - I know - I better be kidding -  
you'll see.

I'm really in love with you and am praying for  
you. Please come home safely to me. Let me know  
your flight number, what airline and when you're  
arriving. Are you as excited about seeing me as I  
am about seeing you? Hope so.

See you soon - babe.

"For you will go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills will  
break forth into shouts of joy before you.  
And all the trees of the field will clap  
their hands."  
Isaiah 55:12

Valerie