

Thinking of you



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DEAR HENRY

GREETINGS! YA KNOW YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN GONE 2 WEEKS AND ALREADY I FEEL FAR AWAY FROM YOU. I REALLY WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND LATELY. I HAVE A REAL FEAR THAT YOU WILL FIND OUT THAT WHILE YOU'RE AWAY FROM ME YOU LIKE IT BETTER THAN BEING WITH ME. YOU'RE ABLE TO BE VERY INDEPENDENT AND NOT HAVE TO THANK OR BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOMEONE ELSE. IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN REALLY IN A LETTER, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I DO FEAR. I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY BUT I KNOW THAT I WANT YOU. I NEVER WANT TO HOLD YOU BACK FROM ANYTHING YOU WANT. I KNOW THAT THESE ARE THINGS I NEVER WOULD HAVE FOUND OUT MYSELF. IF YOU WOULD NOT HAVE GONE AWAY LIKE HOW I RELATE TO PEOPLE. I REALLY ENJOY DOING THINGS ALONE, TOO AND THERE IS A REAL FEELING OF FREEDOM, BUT BEING WITH YOU IS THE GREATEST! I DISCOVERED HOW MUCH I LOVE TALKING WITH YOU AND I CAN KNOW YOU'LL UNDERSTAND. I LOVE BEING CLOSE TO YOU. I THINK BEING IN LOVE WITH YOU

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."
- Psalm 108:2

IS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME. I WANT TO SHARE IN YOUR LIFE, BUT IT'S SO HARD. CAUSE I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR LIFE ANYMORE. THAT'S WHAT I MEAN - EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED FOR YOU - AND I'M SURE YOU'RE USED TO THAT CHANGE ALREADY. HOW COULD I EVER FIT INTO THAT LIFE AGAIN WITHOUT INTRUDING? OR TAKING AWAY FROM IT. I GUESS I'M JUST SCARED THAT SINCE I'VE NOT BEEN A PART OF YOUR LIFE FOR THE PAST 3 MONTHS, HOW COULD I EVER BE - AND HOW COULD YOU NOT FORGET ABOUT ME WHEN YOU'VE GOT SO MANY THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. HEN, I'M NOT IN ANY WAY DOUBTING YOUR LOVE FOR ME - I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT CAUSE I KNOW YOU RESPECT IT. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THAT WOULD BE THE NORMAL OCCURENCE SINCE WE'RE SO FAR APART. I WISH SO BAD I COULD EXPERIENCE ALL THAT YOU ARE ALONG WITH YOU AND THEN WE'D BE CLOSER. I FEEL CLOSE TO YOU BUT HAVE A HARD TIME RELATING TO WHAT YOU MUST STRUGGLE WITH. I WANT TO HAVE THINGS IN COMMON WITH YOU AGAIN - COMMON PROBLEMS, FRIENDS - I WANT TO LIVE WHAT YOU LIVE AND FEEL WHAT YOU FEEL AND I GUESS I'M SCARED YOU'RE USED TO US BEING IN COMPLETELY

DIFFERENT SETTINGS AND LIKE IT THAT WAY (FAIR APART). BABE, I REALLY LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE ALL THE THINGS YOU MUST GO THROUGH.
AND WE CAN TALK MORE OVER VACATION. YOU CAN RESPOND TO THIS OR NOT. IT'S UP TO YOU.

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Ken, I just read over what I wrote last night and considered ripping it up. Sounds like I'm complaining again. I don't know why I wrote it - I wasn't trusting you or the Lord at the time I wrote it. I mean look at all we've been through - and we've been apart and were still together - still in love. I feel like we've got closer since you left even - since we've given our relationship to the Lord. Every time those fears come up it's only that I'm not completely trusting Him - that was so selfish of me to write that - forgive me. I mean - if He wants us together, we'll be together - I guess I just want to be a part of your life again - but in a way I still am. I'm confident the Lord will work it out for both our goods. I've given those fears over to Him and I'm just real happy that you're happy. You are so intelligent. So many times I can picture you taking a toast and knowing all the answers and doing really great. I can't wait til Christmas. I'm anxious for you to show me some of the things you've learned - how things have come real for you, babe. I want to share in that understanding also, over Christmas, I'm really looking forward to playing racquetball with you - that's my game! I know you'd beat me (that's what you'd like to believe) but still I'll be fun. I think my reaction time is a bit quicker and I can follow the ball better. So watch out! I'm really glad that your knee is feeling alright. When you come home, I'll take care of you. I'll wait on you and comfort you and keep you warm and content. Whatever you want, you'll get - boy will you get it! You're worth it.

My dad is doing pretty good. His cast comes off Dec 4th. Hope he doesn't take too long to recover. Mom is fine. She's happy cause I'm gonna bake her cookies for her (the cut-outs). She doesn't like to do it and I love to. Beth + Nicky - are O.K. Heidi is good. She wears me out rubbing. She's over friendly, though like when you come in. She's a jumper. Sherry + David are coming this weekend. I have off (3 day weekend). My car is missing O.K. I got it inspected this morning Monday. It needs a bath, too. Work is going alright lately. Looking forward to my vacation.

Babe, I want you to know that I don't doubt your love for me at all. I also don't doubt that you are where you're supposed to be. You are. I just get too messy, you a whole lot cause you show me real love and you make me happy. I feel so good when I'm with you. And I'm just praying that we'll always stick together. I want to make you as happy as you make me. Babe, again, I'm sorry about how I complained in this letter - it wasn't as bad as I made it seem. You're right babe it is more than a feeling - so much more that I can't even say it in a letter. I'll have to show you.

P.S. Do you like mustardmary?

Looking forward to showing you
Walter