



not just for your birthday...
but always.

Love
Valerie
Dalm 121

2/5/79

Dear Henry,

Today was a good day off. I slept in till 9:30, got up and had pancakes. Then mom and I went to look at bridal gowns. Man, I had such a good time shopping with my mom. I feel much closer to her now! First we went to The Hitchcock Post mkt 222. The girl there was so nice and helpful. A nice atmosphere - very pleasant. Anyway, I found one that I love. In fact, I think I'm gonna get it - very old fashioned looking. I fell in love with it right away. But I still tried on more. Then we went in town to different places. Everytime I tried one ~~one~~ on I kept thinking - I wonder if Hen would like this, (your opinion is really important to me) but I know you'll like the one I like, cause our tastes are about the same. We ate lunch at Wendy's. It was fun. I also decided that for sure ~~Aud~~ Beth, Vic and Diane will be my bridesmaids - all one color gown for all of them. (I like a peach color for them).

Over your spring break, we could pick out the flowers we want. I know for my bridesmaid I want daisies. I don't know about the guys and parents. Also, wanted to ask you, do you want my dad to wear a tux?

Babe, I think I didn't get a letter from you. In your letter from Fri + Sat you said - 'this letter isn't as long as the one I wrote you this morning' and I hadn't gotten one for a week. Hope I didn't miss one from you.

I don't know, the mail's screwed up. Cause last week you wrote Mon. + I didn't get it till Friday. Then you wrote Sat + I got it today. Hope I get your letter tomorrow.

Hope Founder's week is going good for you. Also, how's your research paper coming along? Is Sarah going to Moody for sure?

Got a call tonight about Waldheim - we have it for sure. That's great, \$175.00 for the hall.

I was just thinking, reading your letter about how you like to be in charge and make important decisions. Well, I like to be under those decisions. I feel secure on your decisions. That's neat - that's the way it should be - in the position the Lord wants us, we are happy. He has a plan for us as a married couple where we will be happy. That is exciting.

Now that I looked at dresses today - I'm getting real anxious for our wedding. Also, now that we have Waldheim. I can't wait till we can be together - for always. I get so lonesome for you. Sometimes I want to go to your house and have your mom say 'He's in the livingroom' and I go in and see you sitting there just waiting for me. Then I sit down on your lap and snuggle up to you and smell your beautiful fragrance. And we'll talk about everything

and anything - 'bout stereos and future plans
Oh babe - it hurts to think about my life when
you're not here. I just cling to every word in your
letters and to hear your voice on the phone. I
dream about our first night together. That will be
better than I can ever imagine. To be with you
with nothing around to separate us, babe. ~~soo~~
Why is this time so especially hard? Seems
like I have an extra longing for you - just
want till I get a hold of you Henry. Cause you'll
really get it then.

You're so far away, but so close to my heart. I
think about you always.

I hope you have a real good birthday. You
deserve it. Wish I could be there with you.

I love you.
and I always
will.