

2/6/79 Tues.

My dear babe,

It's gotta be you. No one else could ever make me happy + fulfill my life as you do. Your love sustains me and motivates me beyond comparison. You're a part of me and I enjoy your presence. I thrive on your love.

Thank you for calling me last night. Just hearing your voice is so great. I'm so glad to hear that all is going well with you - especially that you're getting so much out of founder's week. That's great! I'm really proud about that and also your English paper. I really feel burdened that it's not going good for you. I wish so bad I were there so I could help you - not to say I'm smarter than you at all - but maybe I could just help you along. That's what I want to do - help you + support you in all that you do. I want to be your help-mate, babe. Can't wait. I also want to apologize for keeping you on the phone longer than you wanted. I feel real bad about it. It's so hard for me to let you go - just to hear that beautiful voice means so much to me and then we say goodbye and it's over. I could just cry. Anyhow, I know that was really selfish. Then, don't call me anymore cause it's just so hard to go then. I feel like I run your bill up too much, babe. O.K.?

I'm so excited thinking about my go-con. It will look perfect with a gay tax. It's wony

not white - you can't tell though unless you compare it to the white ones. Anyhow - I look much better on the ivory - you'll like it. The white makes me look pale or somethin' - too bright.

Did you know that at some ~~tax~~ places - if you buy 4 taxes - you get yours free? That's a good deal I think. I hope your not mad about having 4 attendants now - I don't think you'll have any trouble finding guys. I wish I could talk with you about it and be sure how you feel about it. I worry that everything's O.K. between us - cause we can't talk too much about how we feel about stuff. This is our wedding and I want to know what you want, too. Like if I got peach color gown for my girls - would it clash with what you want for your guys? Let me know, cause I could always charge, babe. In fact, I'd rather have you have it the way you want. I want to go talk to your mom and see if there's anything special about the wedding that she would like cause I want to include ~~her~~ also. I just want everybody to be happy - really! This is really fun though, planning all this and picturing how it will be. It'll be beautiful - I know it. The only thing that would make the planning more fun is if you were here. Then I could talk to you about

stuff and get your opinion right away - honestly.
I respect your opinion so much, Henry. It means
so much to me. I just love you more than
~~anything - and you'll never get away - so don't~~
even try. Just don't get too used to not being
with me.

Wed 2/7/79

Well the inevitable is finally here - snow! They've
been forecasting it like it's some kind of disease. They
say it'll be a big storm 4-6 inches (as compared to
21?) In fact Northwestern High School closed school
today before the snow even started because of the
forecast. I can't wait - it's just snowing lightly now.
I'm writing this before work today and I must go
soon so I'll write later today.

11:30 - waiting to go to lunch. It's still snowing - hard
now. Man, is it pretty! Last night I went to
Bible Study. I hadn't gone for 3 weeks and I
realized how much just being + talking with those
people meant to me. It's neat to be with people of
a like mind. I know you get to experience
that almost all the time - that's good. We
never really get into a study - but at least we
get to talk about how the Lord blesses and
works in our lives. I took your grades into
Fred + Sue's last night cause I am really proud
of you babe. I think that's terrific. Congratulations
anyway - they were all impressed and they

my congratulations. Everyone knows how intelligent you are. I told them, though that you wanted ~~to get~~ ^{the Lord} the glory, not you. And He did, cause I knew how I really ~~prayed for you to do good and learn a lot~~ and He answered. He's good - I'm confident, He'll be good to us this semester also.

Your last letter (c the 2 steaks which do look good) was so encouraging. I read it so many times. I always read over all your letters again at night before I go to bed. And I go to sleep with you close on my mind.

Babe I do dream about how our ~~family~~ ^{family} will be Christlike. That's neat that we both desire the same for our family. and I agree with how we'll get to the point - by putting Him first in everything. It's neat that the Lord puts certain families in your life as an example - as if to say 'yes that's what I want your family to be.' I too, wouldn't have given this year up for anything. ~~at the time, when you were leaving for camp~~ and Moody, I thought it would be the worst year ever, but it's been real good. I can see God's wisdom in this all. Never would I have learned so much about our relationship or how to trust in the Lord. Just proves, that when we put Him first - even if it hurts at the time - we will be blessed and more happy in the end. We don't need a reason.

at the time He tells us to do something - we should just obey + trust the He knows best. That should teach us for when we're together - to always put them first and we'll be happy.

Henry, you've matured so much - I can even see it as I read your letters. I thought you were beautiful before - but now - I can't even express what you mean to me. Just your outlook on things and your wise decisions + trusting in the Lord. It's motivating to see You are cool.

Thanks for the assurance in your letters (confirming I did the right thing) about having my sisters in the wedding. I feel good + at peace about it now.

12:00 midnite Babe, as for as getting into Smith Hall, I will pray about it. I agree, if we don't get in, the Lord has a reason. Good idea to put our names in though. Filling out those applications tonight was tough - ~~so many questions~~ with so little space to write it in. Also questions about permanent address and even my last name. I check single (now) and married (Aug 4) which really is weird to check 2 boxes. Well, I ~~was~~ have been praying about jobs so I'm sure the Lord has something.

Oh, babe, I love you. You just called me and I'm so sorry about your grandfather. I never had anyone →

lose to me, die, but I did feel close to Jim, because you're a part of him and you remind me of him. I'm glad that you have the comfort of the Lord. Maybe, I will go to the funeral for you + for your parents. The Lord may use me there.

Please forgive me for being so selfish and rude on the phone, telling you all my problems. They don't even really stem from the wedding plans at all. It's problems here at home that I'm under stress with.

Just talking with you, though I feel better - you are my babe - the one I love - the bad one - man are you ever bad. I couldn't talk loud cause people were there and I also thought they were mad at me for being on the phone and I hate to run up your parents bill cause I really love them and they don't deserve that. ~~And please, I really~~ mean it babe - don't call me anymore - please cause I always cry a lot afterward cause I never let you get off when you want and I'm not nice to you on the phone - I don't really feel the way I sounded - I'm sorry. I do love you and love to hear your voice. You are the greatest encouragement for me, also. You cheer me up. I'm excited about being with you soon.

Soon to be One,
Dad