

Dear Ann?

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-6° this morning. Pretty cold, but it was so beautiful this morning going to work by the Rose Garden. All the weeping willows were white frozen and the sun shining through them was so pretty - and the mist coming up from the stream - oh man I love it. Right now it's snowing. They expect 3-5" ^{till} tonight. I can't wait to get out of work to go out in it. I'm thinking about going C.B. Skiing one night - possibly Wed. Carolyn also wants to go, but I think ~~she~~ rather go by myself. That sounds terrible, but really I would just rather go alone - go at my own pace and not have to worry about anybody else.

Ann, I just wanna tell ya - I don't care how poor we are when we're together - there's nothing I need, but you - no material things, really. I'm rich because I have you, and your love is more to me than any material wealth ever could be. I'm just concerned about you and what you would need - esp. for your knee and I think about the stereo you want, too, and I want you to have it, too. I want so bad for you to be happy. Please don't think that I'm worried about the money situation. It's just that I'm a little sad cause I'm paying for insurance in April and for a lot of the wedding ~~plans~~. I won't be able to give up money which I wanted to have for you. But I do want to pay for things so my parents don't have to. They owed me \$155.00 which I told them to keep, I paid for my dress (\$130.00 of it so far) and the \$75.00 for Waldheim (which I'm waiting on a little bit), ^{deposit.}

That's another thing I feel bad about. I thought you wanted us at Waldheim and I know you still do, but I hope people don't get too hot there, especially your dad cause your mom did mention that to me about your dad not liking places where it's not air-conditioned. I just really don't want this to just be for me - if no one else wants it. I think it'll be O.K. It's just a plain old building. We had a church picnic there one year in that building and it was in the summertime (I think July) and you can fit lots of tables in there. It holds 200 people. We have use of the kitchen with running water. Let me know what you decided on. I don't want to go against you.

Well, now it's Tuesday already. Coming to work today was fun. Snowdriving in this snow. It's still real cold and clear. My car holds up good in this cold weather. Yesterday I got a letter from Illinois Registration place saying that they don't license PTA's. That means I don't have to take a test there.

Then, about me comin' out there. It's a strange situation - I really want to come out. The reason I haven't asked yet is cause I don't want to cause problems. I feel like even just mentioning it isn't too smart. Babe, maybe you don't understand, but please believe me. I am praying about it, though. I want to meet your friends and check out the place out as of right now I don't think it's possible. It's so hard for me to even say that. It's hard to explain.

Tonight, we're having a pot luck dinner at Fred + Sue's. I'm bringing the bread. Should be fun. I just heard they want more snow tomorrow - sounds good to me, babe. Today after work, I'm gonna go out and run in the fresh stuff. Wish you could be here to run with me.

5:30 PM. Oh Babe. I love the flowers. They're beautiful - my favorites too - daisies with baby's breath and some roses and there's even little pussy willows in there too. It's so nice of you, babe. What a nice surprise. You are so thoughtful and kind and so loving. Happy Valentine's Day ~~you~~ are my valentine. I long for you, Henry. You treat me so very good and your love makes me feel secure. I feel at home with you. I can't wait to be in your arms again + feel your body next to mine and kiss you all over with warm soft lips. I'm so in love with you and it makes me so happy. Thank-you for my flowers. They smell good.

Val