

My dear Babe,

Hope you're doing good. I miss you a lot, babe. Four weeks till I get to see you again babe - seems like forever cause I can't wait till I can hug you and kiss you. I'm weary from a long week at work - so much lifting to do Saturday, we each had 25 patients to do - so busy. Yea well, the day goes by so fast that way - then I'll sleep sooner. After work Sat. - I went to that running course it's all snow there and so pretty when it's sunny. I walked around there for about an hour. It's so cold here now and windy. Anyhow as I walked there, I thought about how you took the time to be with me there when I went running. Remember, when we cooled our feet off in the stream. And I was thinking about how at that time you were soon ready to go off to 'Moody's' - so long without you. It's so great to know that you'll be with me soon. I think about all that time I was with you everyday doing things with you and now I don't see you - I took so much of that time for granted and am so sorry for it. Cause now I treasure every moment I can talk to you + spend with you, learning by what you say and do. You're great! Our life together will be so fulfilling and satisfying. I was just looking at my ring by the light of the fire. It's that ever beautiful! It's so meaningful to me - it looks prettier every time I look at it - really sparkles and I love the setting!

I heard you got 8 more inches of snow - is that true? - You never tell me about the weather there. Babe, when I'm there, it will always be warm. Friday night we went tobogganing at the Arkway. Sam (from work) and Joe had just waxed their toboggans and did we ever fly down that hill. It was so funny - I laughed all night. It was real clear and cold. The moon was full and the stars were out. We went out around 10⁰⁰. Then we decided to all sit on one toboggan. (8 of us) Sam was in the front - ~~but~~ we had someone else give us a push - real big guy and he really pushed us. We went flying down the hill and Sam couldn't see for the snow spraying up on his face and all of a sudden, he saw we were real close to the creek. So he put out his feet to drag to slow us down but we still went right into the creek man I couldn't stop laughing - but believe me it was a cold laugh - it was also our last ride down the hill. The toboggan was all muddy.

That was great though. Everyone was so crazy.

Today when I was walking, I passed two older ladies C.C. skiing. They must have been in their 60s - they had the C.C. garb on and all. It was pretty neat to see them. I hope I'm real active if I live that long. I don't want to be just sittin' in my rocker. You keep me movin' babe like you do now. I find myself always thinking about being with you - always. What we'll be doin' a year from now, I wonder. Henry, I hope you never tire of me. I always want you to be happy ^{with} ~~me~~ and have fun with me. This is the longest, hardest time without you here. Everytime I go in my room - I smell my daisies and ~~think of you~~ who gave them to me. Thank you again for thinking of me. I saw Gonia Kemp in church on Sunday. (Remember, my pal who gave me the locket?) She's so nice - she asked about you, and was so happy to hear about our engagement. She says I'm getting a good man (I agree) She says ^{she} always thought we were such a good couple. She says she'll be praying for us. Also Mrs. Heister says hello to you. The bus was very cold in the morning. It was -7 out and my feet froze on the bus. Then in the afternoon, I took a 2 hr. nap - felt good. By the way Henry, Audrey says she'll be in the wedding. First she had said no - but then she said yes & I'll have to talk to you about it when we talk. She says hi and 'write to me'. (She likes you). Heidi's doing good - she ~~speaks loudly~~ and carries a big stick. She's a fast runner too.

Henry, I love you so very much. Your letters are so encouraging and motivating. I admire your obedience to the Lord no matter what the cost. Your example to me of waiting on the Lord is motivating and also that you continually seek His face. You've helped me grow in the Lord more than you can know - the Lord purely used you to work in my life - you are a great part of my life. I feel a big lack when you're not here, but I have that hope cause soon I'll be with you. Now that's something to look forward to!

'Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord' 1 Cor 15:58.

Your preparing for His work is not in vain. Sometimes Satan makes us believe that we're wasting time. But you are in His will right now, Henry so -
BE Steadfast.

Praying for you, Babe,
Valerie