

Henry,  
 Snowed in here today. I got up this morning and it was snowing really hard and it was so deep. Couldn't go to work this morning - no one made it in. So I went back to bed and slept till 9:30 then I went out to shovel the driveways. I did a lot of shoveling today - we got 12.1 inches. They didn't plow our road at all until after supper - so I didn't get to work at all. Guess I'll make it up by going in Thursday - my scheduled day off so I get a full week. The snow is really pretty on the trees. Heidi loves it you should see her leap through it - she looks like a rabbit. When she lays down in it she pounces. I played in it with her for awhile - she barks at the shovel.

Last night, Beth and I went to Macdonald's after church. Mom, daddy and Yaily went to take Audrey back, so I decided to take Beth there cause sometimes I really have a problem getting along with her. It was good to be with her though and talk with her a little bit. Then we came home and watched 'Marathon man' with Dustin Hoffman. That was a great movie, babe. Last night in church I really missed you. We sang a lot and I miss singing with you - especially when you sing the low different parts. Some guy in back of me was singing those parts and I thought - He doesn't sing um' like my babe does. I miss you. I'm looking forward to summer so bad. My flowers remind me of spring coming. They're still really pretty, Hen. They remind me of your love - so lasting and fresh and invigorating. You invigorate me. Seems like ages since I've seen you. I feel like your so far away. I guess cause I haven't heard from you in a while. Thank you for still loving me even though I don't see you.

Babe, I'm sending the Pastors Report so you can read it. I think it's really good. You don't have to read it, you can throw it out even if you do though. Pastor Spence was supposed to mow in today - I don't know if he did with this snow

or not.

Oh, babe I just talked with you. I'm so sorry you got sick. I'd rather have it be me than you. I'm so thankful to God that you're doing better now. Wow, sounds like you were really sick, cause it takes a lot to get you down. I'm praying for you and remember 'He gives strength to the weary' - I know He'll bless you as you make up your work babe. It was so great to talk with you - you make me feel very good when I talk to you. I love how you love me. Just to hear your voice gives me strength and hope - also makes me super anxious to be with you - you're just so bad - even when you're sick.

The Lord will sustain them upon his sickbed  
 In his illness, Thou dost restore them to health'  
 Ps. 4:3

Tues

Driving to work was fun today. The roads were really covered with snow. It was so neat to drive in - even slipping around was fun. We're so busy now at work - it's really crazy. Only good thing is that the day goes really fast. I thought about you a lot today - and prayed for you to get better. Don't worry about writing to me, Ken. I know you're busy so it's o.k. if you don't have time. Really - your work is more important. I know you love me and think about me, so it's alright. You are my love - my one and only, there could never be anyone as neat as you. You're the one for me and I know we'll be very happy together for always in all ways.

I just got home from the roller skating party. It was pretty much fun. There were lots of people there from church. Also people from Mahoning Valley church - remember Sue? She asked about you. She's so neat - we have to invite them all to our wedding. I had fun skating - I went in to the women's racing, but was disqualified cause I knocked down the cone. I coulda won, but I was out. I got to talk to Dwight + Holly for a little bit. They were telling me how when they got married they moved to Chicago where Dwight went to seminary and they didn't have

anything, but each other and they got really close. It was so neat to hear cause that's how I dream it will be with us. I don't want to get married and move into a big house and have everything we want - I really don't. I want us to only have each other - besides if I have you - I have everything - I'm rich. Anyhoo, I think they're really neat people. Dwight says he thinks Aug. 4th is O.K. for him to come down here. Dwight + Holly sang and then we all sang songs - I guess some of them you sang up at camp. Then he spoke a few minutes ~~on repentance~~ - it was good. A lot of the kids from the bus were there and I skated with them awhile. I've grown close to a lot of those kids, seeing them grow up. They're really neat - some of them are good skaters!

Then, sometimes I just don't know how to talk to my mom. I hate to see her sad a lot of the time, but she is and I don't know how to handle it so I end up saying nothing - I just try to act normal. Sometimes I just try to think about the life she has to live here - actually it's not as bad as I make it sound, but I really pray for her to be happy. I know I don't know half of the problems my parents have together, but it's sad to see it happen. It's a strange atmosphere when I come home and nobody's talking. I sit here at supper and talk and nobody talks to me. I really pray about it, but it seems like everyday there's something. Maybe you could pray for my mom cause I want her to be happy. She gets treated worse than a kid and I get scared for her. I really love her and hate to see her have problems. I just don't even know what to say to her except love her - I don't want to ask questions cause I know she doesn't want to answer. Well, it's just something in my heart right now. It disturbs me and upsets me inside. I know you understand and I love you for understanding me so well and for loving me in spite of my faults - cause you really

do overlook a lot of them. I respect you, value, and I love you  
more everyday: I'm looking forward to making my home with you.

Hope you're feeling better.  
Valerie