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Babe,  
Just sitting here listening to Heart, relaxing.  
It's a nice warm day today and I went for a nice  
long bike ride. I thought about you a lot and the  
fun we would have together today in this nice  
spring weather - probably playing frisbee. Nobody  
~~else~~ is as good as you. I stopped at the rose garden  
and ended up playing frisbee with some kids playing.  
Some of them thought they were so good, but all's I  
could think was - man, you're not like my Ken at all!  
So I left after about an hour. This spring weather sure  
makes me itch for you and your love. I miss you badly  
and I find myself thinking of you constantly trying to  
imagine what it'll be like when we're married  
and I like what I imagine. Yesterday I had off  
and it was sunny and 80°. I started the garden  
dig + raked it and ~~then~~ planted 2 rows of onions,  
2 of radishes + 2 red beets. I really love working  
outside in the ground. I hope someday we can  
have our own garden. We can grow all our vegetables  
and I'll freeze them + can them or whatever (I have  
to learn how). But that's so neat. But I dream  
about our place, as I work out in the garden,  
thinking someday I'll be digging our garden. The  
Kob's garden   
DEKALB go ahead + laugh  
(I laughed at your lips)

I also ran yesterday, first time in ages. It felt so good. I felt so free and in control. It just makes me so aware of everything. It even feels good to sweat. I felt like flying though. I still had to cough a lot after I ran + I could feel the phlem<sup>s</sup> building up in my throat towards the end (I ran 5 miles) but I can live with that. At least I felt good enough to run. I was goin' nuts not being able to get out and run. Today I must have walked 10 miles - I know that's not much, but it's climbing up + I thought it ~~was~~ rained. It was fun.

I just had some Mountain Dew and I thought of you and all the trouble we have with it. I wish I could send you some of it. Sometimes it's so hard cause everything reminds me of you and our good times together. Oh babe, it'll be so good when we're together. Only 4 months of freedom left for you then to live it up now while you can!

This is so neat Stea, today in church I was sitting there and I really had been feeling convicted as I told you, about not talking to Kim so I really prayed + told God just how I felt - very non-forgiving - not knowing what to say so I said O.K. I know you want me to talk to her, just make sure I don't have to go try to find her after church. Cause I knew I wouldn't

go that far. You wouldn't believe but she sat in back  
of me in church! Just coincidence, huh? Well,  
afterwards I just asked if I could talk to her and  
I said I was sorry if I had done anything that would  
come between us. (first we established that there was  
some distance between us) and I said also I knew I  
wasn't being a good friend. Well we just talked a little  
mostly me talking but the Lord did help me out. Anyway,  
I feel a real peace. I know He wanted me to talk with  
her - He doesn't want bad feelings among us. I'm  
so happy about it though + thought you'd be happy, too.  
Thanks for your encouragement. I had been struggling  
with that for so long - ever since it happened and  
was too stubborn to go, but when I finally shared it  
with you, you said "you feel convicted - just go do it"  
like so simple and it made me think - God  
tells us to do something + we know it - why don't  
we just go do it + quit struggling with it. He provides  
the words. I feel so good now - I can honestly say  
I forgive her - even though she didn't say she was  
sorry, but it was positive and now I know I'll be  
able to pray for her, too. If I hadn't talked to  
her, I wouldn't be able to pray for her. Thanks  
for being patient with me, even as you saw my  
disobedience to God - you didn't push me, but

It was your simple encouragement that finally got me to go. It's weird - I never thought of myself as being full of pride but I really am, otherwise I could ~~not~~ have gone. There's so many areas here I'm really immature yet and I'll tell ya, you're really my biggest help + encouragement (aside from God) and I really look up to you as being very mature. I love how you love me and nurture me. I always want my relationships with others to be good, with nothing between us. God wants all of us to love each other. That should be our strongest characteristic and yet I fail the most. That's why I need to walk with Him, constantly so He can love through me. I know you know all this, but I'm just sharing cause I know you care about my life and where I'm at, too. Thank you Ken.

Itched with my name a little today. It was neat - she told me a lot about her childhood - when she was 13 she was really sick - they didn't think she'd live. She had a fever of  $106^{\circ}$  for 4 weeks. She had osteomyelitis and they did surgery on her legs. It was weird to hear all of that - that she almost died.

Some new news - Sue Deason is pregnant + due in Nov.  
also Judy Hichtenwalser is getting married Aug 15.

That's pretty neat, huh?

Well, can you believe President Carter visited Harrisburg  
3 mile island today? It's weird - now I really want  
to see the movie 'The China Syndrome' - when it gets  
to the Allen.

My aunt Marion + uncle Howard say hello Henry.  
I told them about your lip + uncle Howard says you  
got bit trying to kiss somebody.

Hen, I'm just really happy to know that the Lord is  
taking care of you. I want to be there with you so  
bad to take care of you, but God knows of all your needs  
and He will meet them all and give you strength  
for each day. I'm praying about all your classes  
and upcoming finals. Don't worry if you can't  
get that final changed. Whenever you come  
home, I'll be happy. May 21 is still special for us  
and I'm sure always will be. Our first kiss. Oh, man  
to think back on the beginning - that's so neat and  
now to become one. Oh Hen, I'm so happy - I  
really am. You are the joy of my life.

Val.