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Henry, Happy May! Just 22 more days. I can hardly believe you'll be home soon. It's going fast. I'm happy you were able to get all the classes you wanted. Everything seems to be looking out well for you.

I had a busy 3 day weekend. Yesterday, mom and I went over to Waldheim and raked up the leaves for 2 hours. What a job. Then I worked at home in the garden for a while - it's almost all dug. My ankle hurt so much yesterday. I couldn't even run. It sorta makes me mad, I don't know what's wrong with it. I'll try running again today, see how it goes.

Last night I got my gown fitted, actually nothing had to be done to it, but they have to bridle it - put a hook in the back to lift the train for after the wedding. It was neat to try it on again. I love it, babe. I hope you do, too. I can just picture you running away as I walk down the aisle - just be on guard though - I'll run after you and catch you. Well, I hope you like my attire on Aug. 4th.

I'm glad you're easy to please, babe. I keep thinking about being with you this summer. I hope we can sit and talk and share about what the Lord's done for us this past year. I'm so anxious to hear all about things you've learned and how you've grown. I really expect it to be good - praying + reading the word together. I love to listen as you explain things to me - you're such a good teacher. I see how you've grown in Him since school started and it encourages me and also increases my desire for you. There's so many ways

Any ol' season,
don't need a reason;
somebunny loves you . . .

ME!

the Lord can use you and I want to pray for you and support
you, whatever it is, you do. I want to know you even better
and be closer to you so I can pray even better for you.

I went over to see your mom tonight, she's doing good. Your
aunt hasn't started the invitations yet. I'm sure she'll get
them done in time - I just like to have stuff done early but
it doesn't matter - I know your aunt's busy.

Well, the weather has been so beautiful. The grass is so
green. I can hardly stay inside at all, I love being out
the fresh air. The Lord's creation is gorgeous. I'm amazed
at the beauty around me everyday. Running makes
me appreciate it even more. We need to take time
out to enjoy it - it was created for us. The more

we see it, the more we enjoy it and the more we praise
Him + give Him the glory for what He's done. I'm
thinking Him always for you and praying I would be
a good wife for you - my volleyball player.

Love,
Valerie



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