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My Dear Ruth: It isn't long
since I saw you but still
I must write a few lines
to you before you jump
out of your teens and into
your 20's. I've been waiting
a whole year for you and
at last you have decided
to follow me in the 20's.

The 20 years are many
but I hope that you and
I may not part till we

have lived a great many
of them and if possible all.

When I write these lines
it makes me wish I could
see a few years ahead, and
feel as satisfied as when I
look back into my teens
~~and~~ especially the last of them
& the years I have known
you.

When I came home last
night the folks were still
up, and August had just

gone home. As soon as I
came in, ma asked me where
I had been, to Swanson's
I said. "Oh! da cini jag wäl
tro!" ma said.

To day I've been washing
windows scrubbing and I
dont know all. Prety soon
I can get a job house keep-
ing, dont you think so?

Well I guess I told you
all I know last night,
so I dont know any more
to write.

Oh! Chess

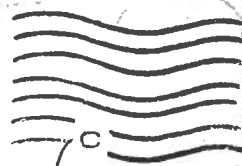
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Ruta.

With love I am,

Your
John.

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