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Hello Darling, I do love you;

And not only DO I love you, But more than anything else I'd like to "I do" something else. Guess what I mean.

Your letter was received today, Sweetheart, telling how bad you feel about leaving your ward. Oh how I wish I were there to comfort you and to cuddle you in my arms. We do need each other, don't we? May the Lord hasten the day when we shall be united, man and wife. Then there will be no ~~loneliness~~, for we shall have each other. Won't that be wonderful? You and me as one.

Darling, I'm so glad that I was the object of your dream. One day our dreams and your dream will come true. Then for a life time we can continue to go on in a dream that is a reality. Whether I am able to visit Sweden in winter or summer, I am sure it will seem more like heaven than anything. What do you think?

Yes, Mom and Dad are both feeling better. Mom is a little low today, but not too serious. Otherwise we all are getting along fine.

Hey, hey, don't talk big weddings to me; I'm scared to death of a big wedding. And besides there is the financial end, you know. I have a little money now. But after going to school this summer and next summer, I'll be pretty well broke. I could have gotten support from the government this summer and next; but I believe we'll need the money better when I get to seminary. As it is I'll have a hard time getting you over here. Weddings are very, very expensive, you know. I know it's nice to have a big wedding, but it doesn't seem

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very practicle for us. My saying this is very disappointing to you I know. But its the truth. In seminary I'll only have a year of compensation left. After that I don't know where the money will come from. I'm sure the Lord will provide. But we shall have to be careful how we spend His money. Personally, I believe a large wedding is not worth the expense. I realize that other couples have nice weddings. But we are different. We have given ourselves to a life of service and sacrifice. And this may be one of the things we must sacrifice for the Lord. He will honor us for it. What do you think about it? Perhaps when you land we can go immediately to one of the pastors on the East coast to be married. Then we can travel across the country as man and wife. I was considering having Dr. Edman tie the knot. But the pastor that lead me to the Lord lives on the coast and will do a good job of getting us hitched. We'll need no fancy clothes either; just our Sunday-best. Besides, if we marry anywhere here, you will have few, if any, relatives and friends present. Do you see Doris, a large wedding, although nice, is rather foolish and unnecessary. We must be practical, Darling.

Everybody is sleeping around here. If I don't stop typing Elaine will awaken and say, "you big lug, go to bed." Besides, tomorrow is a busy day. A friend from Wheaton is getting married in the city. His name is Phil Bush (the Rev. Philip E. Bush). He now has a church in Indiana. I am supposed to be one of Phil's ushers. So, you see, your husband gets around. Hope there will be a pretty little red-head present. You see, if you had wanted to go steady before, I wouldn't be looking for red-heads. Seriously, I love only you and find pleasure in none other. I long for the day when we shall go steady, become engaged, and become one in marriage.

By the way, does Roy have the negatives for the pictures you sent me? If so, will you send the negatives to me. I want to make

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up some special prints. There is a photographer that does real good work near here. Do you have the negative for that side-view of you. That was a close up and I should like to have more copies of it and an enlargement. If you can't ~~send me the negative of~~ the side-view, will you have an enlargement made for me. I'll be glad to pay for it. And do you have any <sup>OTHER</sup> larger pictures of yourself alone. Please don't have any made special for me; it will be too expensive.

Darling, it is nearing twelve o'clock. I must get to bed.  
I love you!

Your loving husband,

Bernie KXX OXX



Really, I'm so tired I can  
ME! hardly see straight.