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My little Dodo,

Sweetheart, you should see the beautiful moon out tonight. It's so big & bright. A huddie & I were studying in the library all evening & when it was closed we took a little ride. How I did wish he were you. If you had been with me, I am sure we would not have done much riding. Do you know what we would have been doing?

Received two letters today, both marked "33." Now Dodo, in case you are having trouble learning to count, let me kindly inform you that "34"

24 follows "33." - you know, yee, err,
son, sith, woo. It is "woo"
that I'm primarily interested in
(only with you, of course!).

Sure you have more words
on a page than I do. But,
Sweetheart, your lines don't
say as much as mine. Even-
though I have fewer words per
page, I really say more! In
fact all women talk a lot +
say little. Darling, don't let
me bid you. Really, I love
you with all my heart.

What's a ship-over? Is it
a sweater or a pair of socks?
Darling, whatever it is, I want
it! You know, anything for
nothing. And since it will be
made by you I'll treasure it

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all the more. I like white, green, brown, or tan. In fact I like any color except blue or black. The brighter it is the better. You should see some of the neck-ties I have. They're bright enough to knock you over. Yes Darling, I am very, very fortunate: good looking, intelligent, + most important I have the most wonderful girl in all the world (you haint- what, you can't scold me this time for bragging).

You mentioned hearing from your mother, but didn't say how she + your father were. I hope + pray they are

well.

Don't let your Mom get excited over me. How can we do anything but take it easy. Sometimes our parents get a little too excited over us anyway. They are much older + don't understand young-hearts. And, you know, quite often they are wrong. I know you will listen to what your Mother said, + I want you to. But also I know you have a mind of your own + I know you will do what is best.

About your finishing training in Sweden, that's your decision. Yes, I want you to be a nurse! But to me or anyone else in America it does not mean

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any more to be a red cross nurse. In fact the red cross is not thought too highly of in the States & I believe the public would regard you in higher esteem if you were not a red cross nurse. I speak only for America & realize conditions are different in Sweden.

Again, the decision is yours, not mine. I am deeply in love with you now. But I am sure I cannot wait indefinitely, especially with your being so far away. As you know, I date quite often. I have said nothing because I realize that with your kind of work you are not always free to date. If you wish, I'll

6/ Tell you about my every date.
Most Wheaton girls are fine
Christians, many very pretty, +
most of them small girls. It
will be humanly impossible
for me not to fall for one of
them some time. I'm not trying
to scare you, I'm only telling
the truth. Maybe I'll still
be waiting in 2 1/2 years, but
I don't think so. The decision
Doris, is yours, not mine. If
some day I'm gone, it won't be
because I did not love you.
Yes, we must trust The Lord,
but as you said yourself, we
must act too.

Your Mom loves you too
+ tries to guide you. But every-
one is wrong some times.
Remember how she insisted
that you return to Sweden.

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You also was human + even
weaker than I. If you
had remained in the U. S.
as you had wished, well,
who knows?

We are adults, Sweetheart,
+ have to make up our own
minds (as I know you will do).
The Bible tells us to "leave" our
parents for our husbands.

If we should wait until
we have plenty of money to
marry, we shall never marry.
When can a student have
"enough" money + when can a
young + new preacher save
"enough?"

Maybe you are right: we
should not be serious now.
Maybe you should finish training.
Maybe I should finish school.
Maybe I should wait until
cash come enough to support
you comfortably. But maybe
by then will be too old for
marriage. Then at least we
can be hurried together.
The decision is yours, not
mine.

Love,

Bernie