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Hello Stinkie,

Twinkle, twinkle little star;  
How I wonder how you are.  
Look as often as I may,  
I could find no mail today.

Darling, you must write to me;  
Letters daily I must see.  
If you want my love to grow,  
Also your love I must know.

So tonight much sleep I'll lose,  
Till from you I hear some news.  
For tonight my ache I'll bare,  
Hoping still for me you care.

How do you like the little poem that I "writ" 'specially for you? I think that it is pretty good (just like me!). But I didn't hear from you today; but guess I can't complain. Some days I don't write either. But I want you to know that I m~~is~~ss your letters, anyway.

Tomorrow I have a date, Darling. I am sure you don't mind, do you? She really is a swell little girl and a fine Christian. I met this girl some years ago and we have been seeing quite a bit of each other since I got out of the service. I have agreed to take her to the foot ball game tomorrow. You don't mind, do you? I don't think you should because the gal is none other than Elaine. She and Da~~d~~ are doming out for the game tomorrow afternoon. I have been calling Dad every day at work this week to cheer him up. He has been so blue that I have felt so sorry for him. So I decided that a nice foot ball game would be just about right for the two of them. Only wish that my little wife could come too. But soon you shall be able

to - I hope. Have you heard anything else from the Lines? We must know real soon. I am not so sure we should get engaged until we are sure you can come to the States before December 28th. Supposing you cannot get passage before that date; what will we do? It will take over a year for you to get immigration papers. You can't stop your training for that long. Maybe then you should finish training at the hospital, which will take over two years. Should we be engaged that long? In two years a lot of things can happen. I don't think we should be engaged that long. I love you with all my heart and want you for my bride. If we could be together for the two years, immediately I would say we should be engaged that long. But being apart, I don't think so. What do you think? And I don't want to get engaged and have to break up with you. That would look bad for you. Understand, I love you, I love you, oh how I do love you! But, Darling, if you can't come to the States, would it be wise to get engaged? Tell me, I don't know. How I do hope you CAN get passage and be here before the 28th! So, unless you can arrange passage before the last Saturday of this month, perhaps we should wait to get engaged till you do get passage. What do you say? Let me know what the lines have to say.

Must close for now. Inclosed you will find a ten dollar bill. Please keep an account of all the money I send you. Good-night, Darling.

All my love to the one I love,

Bernie XXOXXA,