

11:30 PM Jan. 28.

My darling Patricia:

I hope you don't mind
my calling you darling occasionally,
because that's what you are
in my eyes — and in the words
of the popular song, a few years
ago, "You're a sweetheart if there
ever was one" and I hope that
you'll continue to let me play ad-
opted father to you as long as possible.
I delight in every aspect of it.
You'll never know what a
lift it gave me to find you in
when I drove by this afternoon.
I'd felt so down & blue over
being the cause of your mom's
unhappiness and it cheered me
beyond words to find you so glee-
ful & happy over your new purchases.

in the way of your handsome shoes
& the sweater. I don't know if I saw
all that you bought - if not you can
show me the rest next time I'm
over.

Also I was delighted over your en-
thusiasm over "my fair lady." - and
I could listen to you sing for hours!
You have a lovely voice and you
put so much feeling into your
singing!

You delight me the ways you
reveal that you've satisfied your
soul with a few more clothes, or what-
ever it is you need, that you've
spent money for. Personally, I don't
care as long as it meets a need for
you and I know you have such
good taste - so would never spend
money foolishly. You're as delightful
as a "little girl" should be in showing
something to a beloved parent (I
hope I qualify) and I only hope I can

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Last long enough to see some of your
most cherished dreams realized.
I'll be looking forward now to that
55th birthday of yours - there
you'd set your heart on - and
nothing can make me happier than
to be able to feel that I've helped you
to reach your goal for this occasion.

I'll watch for everything you do
musically, dramatically, or other-
wise and be present to see and
enjoy or help you to enjoy all that I
have any right to share in. And
I'll eagerly await an account
of the things that I am excluded
from by circumstances.

I should declare now also, since I'm
in the mood how happy I was to feel
the trust you showed in me when you
asked me to stand by you in your personal
crisis with Sylvia and when you
thanked me tonight ^{at this PM.} for standing by you.

I'll look forward to your standing by me when I have personal crises - and I do occasionally.

Right now I'll say - though I hate to mention it - there may be no need at all to do so - that if a certain one of my relatives in law should ever get inquisitive & ask you - it wouldn't be beyond her if she got the idea - whether I am partly supporting you (as at one ~~time~~ she thought I must be - though she has no knowledge whatsoever - tell her only that I've bought you a few books on such occasions as Christmas & birthday - as I've bought for her own daughter (only twice as many for the daughter) and that, by taking a few bundles of groceries out to your family, I've saved you the necessity of dividing your small earnings as a student assistant to help your family - and that's all. Anything else - is nobody's business absolutely. What I've done I've done for you because I want to & as I've told you not another soul needs to know a thing about that - then probably will never be a call on you - but if there should be - on the long chance we'll at least tell the same story.

I shouldn't have to say anything like this to you at all - ever - and

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Assuming that the time never
comes — all will be fine. All I need
is to see the look of happiness in
your face as you had it today —
to have the feeling that you trust
me and to know in my heart —
as I do — that all is well and
fine between us.

You provide the inspiration
that lifts me to the skies —
and that is all I ask — but
that — as a mark of some measure
of affection — I need. In your
own words

Thank you for being you!

If it weren't so late — as I've
just got back from a delightful
evening at Macnamara's — I'd
phone you to say goodnight as I
suggested — and as you've done for
me a couple of times, but it's so

late now, I haven't got the nerve
to wake you up - for you must have
turned in already.

However - please call me
in the morning when you wake
up. I'll be here at the hotel working
on the Home stretch of finishing my
grades. They have to be in by 5:00
P.M. tomorrow.

And be thinking what night to
reserve for the movies. If we take
one now or soon - we'll be able
to get a second one in before the 'twelve
semester break is over.

Then I'll probably have to run up
to Chico for a couple of days to see my
older sister who'll be visiting my
younger sister Joyce. I'll phone & find
out when.

Will good-night darling. I hope
you have a blissful, restful night.
Affectionately - *Chad*