

Waterville Ohio 11/2/04.

Miss Rhoda Evans
Covick, Ky.

My Dear friend Rhoda - During the past week
I received a phone message from Geo. Hays
telling me of the great bereavement that has
come to you. My heart goes out to you in your
grief with untold sympathy. It is almost beyond
my comprehension to believe that Lizzie the
dear friend I used to see so much of has
left this busy world never more to see and
talk with us in this life. I have made
up my mind to visit "Old Ky" on my next
trip I make anywhere; but it will seem
but it will seem odd indeed not to see
one of my best of friends. I never knew
any one whom I thought was more jolly
and full of fun and still was never

all the rest of the folks?

I did not hear how long Lizzie was sick and any of the particulars. If it would not be asking too much I would like to know of anything you could enlighten me of on it.

Give the Doct., Mother Evans, Sam and the rest of the family my best regards.

I am doing nicely in a financial way. Am very busy and working hard.

I sincerely hope your health is good and that this letter is not a bore to you.

With my best will and in all Sincerely

Believe me Sincerely Yours
O. P.

anything but the same sincere, true and sweet girl that you so seldom find now days. I wish to say that you are not the only ones who feel the loss as there is one up here who wants to offer his good office and join you in your grief at this sad time. It is indeed a very very hard thing to bring myself to realize it all. Lizzie was one of my ideals and favorites. Now I wish I could have taken one more look at her before she was laid away for ever to us here. I only hope that I may live a life that will take me to the heavenly home she has gone to; and it is just such partings that demonstrate to us how uncertain this earthly existence of ours is. I think of you and all the rest of the family more often than you have any idea. How are you? And

414 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
Feb'y 3rd 1905.

My Dearest Sweetheart:-

I
have just been wondering
why I do not hear from
you. I intended to write
to you a few days ago
but thought I would
wait until I received
an answer to my last
letter which, at present,

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has not been received.
Why do you not write?
Perhaps you are getting
tired of me by this
time and want to forget
me or you have fallen
in love with some young
man whom you have
met since my departure,
and now consider me
a back number. I have
been here now for one
long month and more
and just to think I
have received only one

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letter from you. Now
Sweetheart, if you really
love me anything like
you say you do it seems
to me that you would
want to write to me
more than once in so
long a time, especially
when you have so much
spare time at your dis-
posal. If you only knew
how much pleasure a
letter from you always
gives me I am quite
sure you would not

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put off writing any longer.
You are the only girl
with whom I corres-
pond and I think you
should at least show
your appreciation by
answering more promptly.

I have been sick for
the past few days —
have had a very
bad cold, which has
kept me in my room
the greater part of
the time. I did manage
however, to get out a

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few nights ago and go to Mr. Cauleys to see "Dorothy Vernon of Hadden Hall" which was played by Bertha Galland who is a very fine actress. I enjoyed the play very much—

We have had several dances over at the college lately but I did not attend but one of them. We danced until 3 o'clock the

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next morning. — I have been invited to a dance by a young lady friend of mine out at the Athletic Club next week and I think I am almost sure to go, as I can't very well refuse.

It is not but about four weeks now, Rhoda, until I expect to see you again. I told you some time ago that I would come out

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about March 1st and I expect to be out provided I receive a letter from you before that time.

As news is somewhat scarce about Louisville at present I must close for this time. Now, Rhoda, do not put off answering my letter any longer but spare me only one short hour of your time and write

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to me because if you
dont I will take it
for granted that you
do not want to.

So hoping that you
will answer this letter
before permitting me
to write another I
will bid you good bye.

I remain as ever

Yours lovingly
Frank P.

Ky. School of Med.,
Louisville, Ky.,
Febry. 14th 1905.

My Dearest Rhoda:—

I really
do not know whether
it is my time to write
or yours. I am rather
inclined to believe it
is yours but, nevertheless,
I shall endeavor to
write you a short letter
this afternoon any way.
Your dear, sweet, letter

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was received and appreciated very much. I think we must have received each others letters about the same time. I was just thinking to myself that you shall receive my letter today when, to my great surprise, I received yours. It was short but very, very sweet. Of course, sweetheart, I suppose I was very foolish in doubting your love for I

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could hardly believe that you had gone back on me so soon and I assure you that I will never doubt your sweet love again! I shall always believe you love me whether you do or not. I did not go to the dance as I had expected and met no fair maidens but stayed at home and met one. She was the landlady's daughter. Yes Rhoda, my dear,

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I remember with the greatest of pleasure those beautiful summer days when we took those long drives.

They afforded me so much pleasure. I can truly say that my vacation last summer was the happiest I have ever spent and you, only you have made it so. Now, Rhoda, dearest, I am going to tell you some bad news - not so much to you

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as it will be to me.
What I wish to tell
you is that it will
be impossible for
me to come out to
your house on Mar. 3.
as I told you in my
last letter, but, sweet-
heart I expect to see
you the following
week which is Mar. 10.
My father passed through
this city yesterday after-
noon on his way to
N. Y. City and said that
he would be back

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through here again
on Mar. 1. So you can
readily see why I can-
not come on Mar 3.
He might possibly be
delayed on his way
back and strike
Louisville on that date
and if he did not
find me here you
know something would
happen. I thought it
best, therefore, to put
my trip off until Mar.
10. which I hope will
suit you. I can

now and I can't
wait very much longer.
Now Rhoda, darling,
write me ^a long sweet
letter very soon and
tell me all the news
about yourself. So
hoping to hear from
my dear little girl
within the next few days
I remain

Yours always Paul

414 W. Chestnut
Louisville,
Feb'y. 7th

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My Dearest Little Girl:-

I received
your letter Saturday and
you can't imagine how
much pleasure that darling,
sweet little letter gave
me when I glanced
over its pages. To say
that I was glad to
receive it Rhoda, does

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not express my feelings
at all and I am quite
sure that it would be
impossible to find a
word in Webster's Diction-
ary that would. So you
may have a faint idea,
my dear, of how much
pleasure your letters
really give me. I wrote
to you several days ago
asking you why you
did not write to me
and no doubt you have
received my letter before

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this time. Now, Rhoda
my dear, do not take
any offense at what
I might have said.
I had only become
uneasy after waiting
for what I thought to
be such a long time.
Of course, darling, an
elapse of two or three
weeks would make no
difference if we were
only friends, but we
are far more than
mere friends. If you

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will permit me I will
say that we are the
closest of friends and
I hope some day, with
your consent, that we
will be still more
closely united and in
addition to calling you
my dear little sweetheart
I may call you some-
thing else. It is need-
less for me to say
that I love you, Rhoda,
you know full well
that I love you with

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a love that I can hardly control. And now, my dear, you have such a grasp on me that I may never again be able to love any girl except Rhoda Evans. And I may say further, darling, that I am more than satisfied with you, for I know I could not love a sweeter little girl any where it makes no difference where I go.

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I believe I told you
in my last letter that
I expected to come down
to your house and pay
you a short visit in
the near future. and
just to think it is a
little more than three
weeks off. If it will be
convenient to you and
to the rest of the family
of course I expect to
see you March 3rd. I
am looking forward
every day, Rhoda, when

Ky. School of Med.
Louisville Ky.,
Mar. 31st 1905.

My Darling Rhoda:—

I have
been intending to write
to you ever since
I phoned you at
Lebanon but have
been busy at the
college and have not
found the time.
So to-night I thought
I would write you
a short letter.

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I will not write one as long as the last one but would like too for you are one person, Rhoda, whom I never get tired writing to. I am so glad that you enjoyed my letter and can insure you that yours was enjoyed equally as well. Sweetheart, I enjoyed talking to you very much over the phone the other night and wish I could have talked to you longer.

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I wanted to tell you more than I did but still our short talk was very satisfactory and did me a great deal of good and I hope it did you a little also. If you will let me know when you are going to town I will call you up any time for I like to hear that sweet voice of yours. I know you must have had a fine time in

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Rebanon with the boys. I expect you were out with them all the time wasn't you, Rhoda? I wish you would come and stay a few days when I am there. Why couldn't you come and spend Easter Sunday? If you would we could go to church together on Easter morning. I am almost sure to come out on the Saturday before and stay all

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of the week. I expect
to be out to your
house a few times
though, Rhoda, for
I couldn't stay away
from such a sweet
girl as you very
long, especially one
whom I hold so
dear. We are having
such pretty weather
here now that I
can hardly stay
indoors and study.
I am certainly glad
to see it come
for it reminds me
of those happy

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Sunday afternoons I
use to spend out
at your house last
summer. I certainly
did enjoy your sweet
company — of course
you know I en-
joyed it far more
than any one else.
and now I am
looking forward
when I shall be
in a position to
see you every week
or so. Rhoda, you
are a dear sweet
little girl and I
simply love you to

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death. I have never been able to find any girl ~~head~~ half so sweet as you, and have always said that I had rather have the little country maiden than all the city girls combined. I believe I told you that I was going to have some pictures taken and really I fully intended going down last week but as I was feeling some-

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what badly I did not go. But, sweetheart if you will forgive me I will go down this coming week and have them struck. Just to think that in about 3 more weeks I will see you again. Such thoughts make me feel very good but the part I dislike about it is to come back. It always makes me feel somewhat sad to leave you

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Rhoda, for the last
time I was out
at your house it
took me a week
to get over it. As
it is about my bed-
time, Rhoda, I will
close with a kiss.
Write me a long
letter very soon,
darling, for it makes
me feel very good
to hear from you.
With all my love
for the sweetest girl
on earth, I remain
Yours affectionately
Paul

Ky. School of Med.,
Louisville, Ky.,
Mar. 16th 1905.

My Darling Little Girl:-

As
I have nothing to do
at college from now
until 6.00 o'clock I
know no better way
in which to spend
this time than to
write you a short
letter. I have been
thinking of you nearly

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even since my return
and I have had
the "blues" so bad
that I have scarcely
known what to do
with myself. I am
beginning to feel
somewhat better now
and more at home.
I expect to get down
to work tomorrow
and study hard un-
til I see you
again which I hope
will be the latter
part of next month.
I have not heard
from home yet
and do not know

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How things will turn out. Perhaps they will tell me that I cannot come next month but I am determined to see you any way. I cannot stay away from your dear sweet little ~~any~~ longer than that, Rhoda. I wrote to you the night I came down and suppose you rec'd. my letter the next day. Of course, you

have not had time
to answer it but
I hope to receive
a sweet letter from
you tomorrow or
the next day. Rhoda,
it will give me so
much pleasure when
I hear from you.
Your sweet words go
right to the very
bottom of my heart.
Rhoda, and they
always inspire me
with new hopes.
You don't know how
much I disliked
to return to Louisville,
darling, after spending

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those few days at
your house. I will
be so glad when
school is out for
then I can see
you every week.

I am going to have
a picture taken
especially for you,
sweetheart, with my
overcoat on in a stand-
ing position. I
will have it taken
within the next
week or so and
will send ^{it to} you as

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soon as it is finished. I am going to telephone to you within a few days. Rhoda, you do not know how much pleasure that dear sweet voice of yours will give me when I hear it. I had rather hear those ^{sweet} words from your lips "I love you", than to hear the most charming music, for your voice charms me far greater than any music I have even heard.

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I expect to go to
one of the theatres
to-night, sweetheart.
Perhaps it will have
some effect upon
me and make me
feel better. I will
not go to the "Buck"
any more if you
say not to. Your
word is law with
me, Rhoda. You may
not think so but
nevertheless it is.
You can command
me to do anything

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and I will willingly
do it because I be-
long solely to you.
Darling, you are the
sweetest girl in all
this world to me
and I love you
with all my heart.
I will be good for
you, dearest, for
I know you love
me. Every time the
evil one tempts me
I will look at
your sweet picture
and kiss it for then
I know I cannot
be bad when I
have your picture,

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sweet face before
me. I must bid you
good night, dearest,
as I must go to
my supper now.
Hoping to hear from
you very soon I
will close with a
kiss. I shall always
remain

Yours devotedly,
Rauk

P.S. I hope you will
please excuse this
paper and writing

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sweetheart, as it is
the best I can do
at present.

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upon you for if you
love me and I know
you do it would
no doubt cause
you much sorrow.

Should I not care
for you any more.

I have already caus-
ed you some sorrow
recently, darling, which
has effected me more
than you think but
I will not only try
but will make the
future as pleasant
and as happy to you
as I possibly can.
I will be out at
your house next

Lebanon, Ky.
July 31st 1905

My Own Dear Rhoda:—

As it
will be six more long
days before I can gaze
into your darling face
again I shall endeavor
to write you only a
short letter which no
doubt will come to
you as a surprise.
But you know your
phone is out of order
and this is the best
I can do just now

and besides we cant
say all we want to
over the phone anyway.
I marked a girls name
off to go to the party tonight
but she cant go from
some cause and I am
rather glad she cant
for I am not anxious
to go myself. I dont
intend to keep up with
society this week for if
I do I will be almost
dead by the time I will
see you Sunday and you
know I do not want
to feel that way while
I am with you. I had
such a good time yes-
terday, Darling. I en-
joyed myself so much.
Your presence always

charms me, dearest,
for it causes me to
have those pleasurable
sensations that can
only be experienced
in the presence of the
dearest and only girl
I will ever love. I
never have nor never
will love another girl
as I do you and do
not doubt my words
in the least, Darling.
Be never afraid that
I will throw you
aside or give you
up for any one else.
This steadily increasing
love that I have
for you will never
permit me to inflict
such a punishment

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Sunday at or about
10.00 o'clock and we
will go up and stay
all day. I know
I will not get
fined as long as
I can look into
your beautiful face.
You must excuse
this paper as I
am writing this at
the store. Rhoda,
darling, write me
a page or two if
you can find time
but if you do not
it will be alright.
Be a good little
girl until I can

see you again and
I will love you
to death.

I will always be
yours with the
truest of love.

Laura

P.S. I have your
fan and will bring
it out to you Sunday.
Phone me sometimes if
you can for I want
to hear that sweet
voice of yours which
is far more charming
than any music.

Signed Laura

Lebanon, Ky.,
Aug. 8th 1905.

My Dearest Rhoda:—

Although I feel most miserable & my heart is filled with intense sorrow I will try to write you a few lines in answer to your letter which I recd this afternoon. I did think you treated me very coldly Sunday Evening & I really do not know why for I tried to treat you nice & although I was quiet I could not help it. It seemed as though you wanted to shake me for another & that you were trying hard to

make me angry. I felt
so blue that night after
I left you & I would
have a thousand times
rather that I had never
come - to think of that
cold farewell from a girl
I have always loved with-
out any encouragement to
come again nearly broke
my heart. You seemed to
speak as though you did
not want me to come any
more. It is to be only hoped
that this will be the
last time I will be treated
this way. I can assure
you that the next time
will be the last if it
kills me for I have already
suffered and can suffer more
if necessary. I had resolved

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never to come out to your house again until an apology was made. I came near sending all of your photos and letters but I could not make up my mind to do so. I know ~~you~~ you could not have been contious of the fact that you were inflicting so much pain and sorrow upon me. That night I could not sleep - it was impossible - I could do nothing but toss from one side of the bed to the other until near morning when I managed to get in one hour's sleep but was

awakened at about 5.30
the same hour that my
dear Father passed forever
into another world. No
wonder I was quiet
Sunday. Had I but known
that my Father had but
a few more short hours to
remain upon this earth
I would have been crazy
instead. I did not go to
the stone Monday morning
until after 11.00 o'clock &
when I did a telegram
was awaiting for Rich. But
as he was at Crab Orchard
& the message as I was
informed very important I
opened it & upon doing so
I could not move now
say a word for some
time. I finally came to

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myself and after telling
Mr Cox I managed to
get home to convey this
awful message to the
rest of the members of
my family. It was a
great shock especially upon
my sisters and Rich but
two doctors have been work-
ing with them ever since
& now they are holding up
fairly well. My Father died
upon the train (and I
suppose without either
medical or religious attention)
near the central part of
North Dakota nearly 1400
miles away. My Mother
is with him but is

prostrated and has been
delayed in a small town
near Fargo. She is on the
road now and is somewhere
in Minnesota. Lew B. has
gone to Chicago today and
will meet her there tomorrow
night. We are expecting them
home Thursday. You left
Seattle, Washington yesterday
morning and cannot get
here until Friday. Little
did I think when I heard
your preacher at Aliceton
speak of the sorrow of
looking into a dead Father's
face. But next Friday I
will give one more sad
farewell look into my dead
Father's face for the last
time in my life for then
I shall be a fatherless boy

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forever. Your apology is accepted and appreciated fully, Rhoda, for I can & will not give you up now. You were feeling very badly Sunday and no doubt that had some effect upon you in treating me the way you did but it is all over now and I hope to come no more for I will willingly forgive you all. I cannot see you Sunday but will manage to see you next week. If you come to town I suppose I can see you if you let me know the day you come. Come up home if you can

for I will be glad to see you
& I know you would like
to look upon my Father's
remains again. There is
nothing you can do, darling,
for we are surrounded by
all the help we could possibly
wish for. If you were here
you would do me some
good for your dear presence
would cheer me up. I may
go to Louisville tomorrow
but will be back on next
train. I will close now
and bid you good bye
for the present. I love you
darling & do not doubt me.
Your affectionate but
knowing lover
Dank.

Lebanon, Ky.,

June 30th 1902.

My Dearest Rhoda:—

I am writing to you today, darling, with the hope that the following sentences may inspire your dear little heart with greater love and bring to it the joy and consolation which it so eagerly wants and deserves. Writing is about all I can do now and I shall certainly do that if by so doing I can bring to your sweet mind any pleasure or consolation

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whatever. I shall not write of just the ordinary news about town but shall endeavor to console the dear little girl whom I have unconsciously wronged in the estimation of those whom are most dear to her. I felt so "blue" after you left town yesterday afternoon that I hardly knew what to do. How could I possibly feel any other way when that sweet little face of yours dearest to me lay far than life itself told of so much pain and mental agony? To think

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That I, a now wretched
being, should in so short
a time bring so much
suffering upon an innocent
girl is not only ~~enough~~ ^{enough}
to give me the "blues" but
run me crazy in spite of
all I can do to prevent
it. But still, darling, I
shall cheer up and have
hope for I know happier
days are bound to follow
sooner or later. It seems
that most all lovers
have their days of sorrow
and disappointment which
are in almost every instance
followed by happiness and

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joy. I should think it would show a lack of confidence and be very foolish for us if we should permit ourselves to despair and give up all hope. Of course, Rhoda, darling, I am only a human being and like all others have faults of my own which I am sorry to say, have not been fully realized until ~~today~~ the last few days. It is needless for me to say that I will not only do better but entirely abandon them altogether for I hate them as they have put

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us in this much regretted position. Even though your parents may now say that I cannot come out again we must at least have hope and let the idea of giving me up be the last thing to enter your mind. You know, Rhoda, darling, we have loved each other now for nearly a year and are we to let one foolish action of ours which has done neither of us harm (from a bodily standpoint) cause us to forget each other forever? Cheer up little girl for brighter days are

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bound to follow if we will
but try to stamp out the
old cause. We truly love
each other and "where there
is love there is a way,"
and "love will always
find a way" so I will
ask you again, darling,
not to despair. Although
my intentions in coming
to see you are high and
noble and all that could
be expected of any true
lover yet by our foolish-
ness your parents are led
to believe otherwise. I hope
in time to show them my
true intentions and ex-
pel

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from their minds the thoughts they now entertain. It is needless for me to say that I am sorry not only for my own sake from being deprived of seeing you which is indeed a terrible blow but principally for your sake whom I love with my whole heart and soul and whom I always will love in the future with the greatest reverence and respect as my little guardian angel. Oh how sweet it is to love you, dear, and how much more pleasure it would be for me if I could

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only say we were as one.
I would be so affectionate
and treat you more as a
divine being than a human
that you would certainly
never regret the step you
had taken the longest day
you lived. Even though this
love affair of ours which is
by no means trifling may
now be temporarily sus-
pended for a while will
return and when it does
it will come upon us
with such force as to bind
forever our aching hearts
into one. Then we will not
suffer as we do now and

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everything will be happiness. You know, Rhoda, I will be a M.D. this time next year and be in a position where I can provide for myself and I am sure I will succeed. I know that the world will not throw me down and beat me out of that which I am determined to merit for all those many habits which ruin a man's success in life shall never be present in my case. as long as you can inspire me with those sweet words of yours that you love me and

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always will in spite of
all anyone can do to
prevent it. I am certainly
being severely punished
to an exceeding degree by
my folly by not being
permitted in your dear
presence but I hope it
is only temporary and
will be followed before
many more days have
passed with a far greater
happiness. From the fore-
going sentences it does
not ~~it does not~~ look
as though I mean to give
you up does it, Rhoda?
And I certainly do not

11.

for this undying love that I have for you will stay with me forever. You may think that I will soon forget you but never-never will I forget the darling sweet girl who has made me by her sweet presence so happy and contented. Whether I am with you or not I do and will continue to love you just the same. I shall always think of you as the purest and most spotless little woman that ever lived, and love you and do anything in my power

12.

for you - you shall
be first, last and always
with me now & forever.
I care for no one but
you. Rhoda, do not hesi-
tate to ask me to do
any thing for you that
I possibly can do for
I am here only ready
and willing because I
am so thoroughly under
the influence of this burn-
ing and undying love
that I could give my
life if necessary for you.
I do not know what
you will think of this
letter, Rhoda, but every

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word of it comes from
the heart of the truest
lover you ever had. It
is written as I have said
before with the view of
bringing to your suffer-
ing little heart at least
some consolation and
if I have accomplished
this one purpose I will
feel that this letter
has not been written
in vain. I will telephone
to you often, Rhoda, and
I want you to let me
know every time you
come to town. I have
written so long now that

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it will be too late
for me to get this letter
on the up train but
at any rate I will
try. Write soon, dear,
and feel free to write
any thing you care to
but insure me that
you will not give me
up but have hopes that
we shall again be
cloved those sweetest
of all pleasures each
others presence. Cheer
up and be a good girl
so good bye.

Your humble servant forever
D.