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My Dearest

This is splendid news about Baghded  
isn't it. I never thought we should just  
go right up and take the town like  
that. I would like to be one of the  
soldiers there. It must be a lovely town  
and most awfully interesting. I should  
like to see the lake that lies by it.  
I of all places to live near a great  
lake would be one of the nicest.  
Just imagine living near one of those  
lovely Italian lakes that one sees  
going to Venice. It would be splendid.  
I really haven't much idea what the  
country round Baghded is like. I suppose  
it's flat and sandy but cultivated  
close to the river and in the spring  
I expect it would be lovely with flowers.  
It's another misty rainy day here. Though  
I don't think it's raining at this moment.  
It's such nice soft spring rain and the  
weather is so mild that I don't mind it.

much though its very dark.

We had great fun with Clara last night. We got the big drawing board down from the attic and propped it up against the window seat in the drawing room and let Clara sit at the top and slide down. We used to have it a lot for slides when we were little. At first she was just a bit afraid to go down but she soon stopped being. I found what she liked best was to crawl up herself. So I took her shoes and socks off and with bare feet she could manage it splendidly. She would crawl up and slide down on her tummy from about half way up at first but she soon got bolder and went to the top and came down sitting. It was very pretty to watch her use her body so nicely.

I do want another letter from you. I hoped

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today. I shall like that I think I  
always enjoy them coming.

When I haven't got you Clara is the best  
thing. I have just been having a nice  
quiet time with her all to myself in the  
messy. I shall like it when she is able  
to talk a little I think it will be more  
interesting but she is full of interest  
as she is.

I must end this letter dearest. I have two  
more to write before I go to bed.

Yours very loving  
Ruth.

