

Monday Nov 13

My dearest George

I am very late this morning and shall hardly have time to write you any letter before breakfast. I know why it was that I did not wake. It was because I was dreaming of you and I was just consciousness on trying to keep it up instead of thinking about waking. I am sure you can try in your sleep. The time will come when I really shall be beside you and it won't only be a dream.

It was nice driving up to Paiva's Field to fetch Helen, not because of Helen for I think she is hopelessly dull, even the interests of the same school don't make her possible to talk to. I wonder if she is like that with everyone. But it was having my precious Clara with me that made it so nice. She sat on my lap and I held her with one arm and drove with the other. It lovely to have her on my lap for a long time like that and her dear wavy head against my shoulder so that I can kiss it any moment. Its tasting these joys and the joy

of loving you my darling, that gives me my doubt of
heaven. I don't see what can be, not better, but as good.
I want now to be a mother and a wife so much more
than any thing else, but perhaps that is only an
stage of my ~~present~~ growth. I think it will be
very good to have it unclouded by war and death.
I took her to see Mrs. Buster Brown when she got
there but she cried furiously when she left her.
She is getting too old now to go to any one.
We had quite an exciting drive coming home. Just
as we came out of P.F. some Canadians were
driving by and they started Bingo then the
made noise that made him very excited and
he runted nearly all the way back to Chastoborn
but enjoyed it. The Canadians passed us just
at the top of the hill & I had quite hard
work to stop him and get him to walk
quietly down the hill. I did not want to
run the risk of a stumble with Clare in
the cart.

It's now after breakfast I have been having a
lovely play with Clare in the mossy instead
of taking her out as it ~~was~~ very misty.

I hoped to get a letter this morning but I didn't. There have been a lot of gaps just lately. I think the shipping is upset. I heard of someone's brother home on leave & they did not think he would go back on the eight day because the sea boats were not running there were so many floating mines that had been laid by the storm.

I am sending off a chocolate cake today and the Cotturanian is in the same box. I accidentally left it out when I sent off that package of song books & the Round Table to you. I have nearly finished that piece of work that I am doing to make Rosalie's room more gay. I think it will look rather jolly. Its big plants with orange & crimson flowers and at the bottom there are orange must fungi and crimson butterflies. The leaves and stalks are blue & green and there a black & a dull white in it too. Its all on a dark blue green cotton, hand maid.

She likes it. I wonder if you will when we see you see it. I had a letter from

Mary and she says she would like to come and stay here when Ralph has gone but she can't come now, with him. Their week ends are too short.

I wish you could have seen Claro climbing onto the wooden box your cake is in and sitting there, she loves to be climb onto things like foot stools and furniture. The box is just a nice height for her to sit on with her feet on the ground.

Have you a good picture in your mind of just what she will look like when you come back. Really you have to imagine her from those photographs don't you! It's a lovely sunny afternoon and we are going out for a walk.

Yours very loving

Ruth.

