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My dearest

I don't feel much like writing this evening but I would like to have you close to me and be able to talk to you. My darling I do love you so much. I do want a little son who is very like you or even a daughter like you. I suppose either would be equally good for Elsie. I do think she needs another child. Still if she doesn't get one yet we must do our best without.

I would rather be like me wanting a baby than like Mary Anne's Aunt who I saw at Haslemere who had six children in consecutive years & did not want one, and three more after that. Mary Anne says that all but two are rather failures and do not love their mother. The eldest who lives with her was I thought an awful woman. She called her dog 'my son' and spent all her

days among chickens and made no effort. Mary Anne told me to be nice to her mother. You would have disliked her very much I'm sure. I think I shall go to sleep now I have been sleepy all the afternoon. Good night my dearest.

George dear I will tell you now that I am full of hope, I did not dare to last night although I was, because I had felt tired and sleep all the afternoon & evening & was awfully afraid my period might be coming after all. You see it was due yesterday but as it always comes two or three days too soon so I really do feel full of hope and joy. Saturday was the day I most expected it and when that was over I began to feel hopeful.

I have also had little feelings in my breasts and you know last time they were one of the first signs I had. Then if my period was late like this and was coming I should almost surely

feel heavy and unwell and I don't at all, and my tummy is quite flat and not a bit full as it usually is just before a period.

I do think it's quite reasonable to feel pretty nice, don't you? Oh darling I did not think it really would happen. I am so very glad and happy. I am so glad you would try a second time I have been glad ever since. I don't believe the baby would have come if you had.

I have been awfully nervous and anxious about it, and think it must be something to do with my physical condition. I have been out less at night and waking early.

I don't suppose that I shall know much more about the baby now until I miss my next period. I shall not wait to nurse Maudie or take any definite steps like that until I have missed another period or begun to feel sick or something.

It is wonderful when a great wish like this comes true.

I want another letter from you soon.

Poor little Mill has gone to London to see Bob off today. I wish she could have a baby too it would make her so awfully happy.

I am glad the wind has calmed down so that Bob will have a quiet crossing, he was so sick last time poor dear.

I have begun reading your Boswell & I find you quite rightly defending him against people who thought him a fool. But what I can't see is why people should have ever started thinking so. Almost where ever Boswell expresses an opinion of his own contrary to Johnson's his is much the wisest and best of the two. Of course his hero worship of Johnson just at the beginning is rather ridiculous but not enough so to judge his whole character on.

I am going to do some china painting now & then put some fresh green & flowers if I can find any in the drawing room.

My dearest love you may think of me as quite unfairly happy for war time. I wish I could kiss you.

Your very loving
Ruth.