

Glendale, Fla

Jan. 3, 1912

Miss Ella Turner

Ealum, Fla.

Dearest one:-

Received your letter last night which was very much pleasing. You know the other night when I was talking with you I couldn't hear scarcely a word you said that's why I rang off so soon. I never did like to make anyone think I was hard of hearing. I told you I would call you up Tuesday night but I was busy and never got the chance to come to the house until I was afraid you had retired. So, I will fill the engagement tonight as soon as I finish this letter.

And you think you could care a lot more for me if you knew I was true? Well, you may as well care more for me as I intend to do everything that I possibly can to make you believe me. Now really, would you mind telling me why you have an idea I am trying to fool you? You must think that of me judging from your letters and talk. Now please forget all that and think of me as one that really will, forever, mean all I tell you. For I certainly I'll never be any disappointment to you in any way. For knowing as I do that I care more for you than any girl I ever met or it seems that I ever could meet. I believe I have got enough nerve to tell you if I didn't care anything for you, only as a friend. And if I ever come to that opinion, I will let you know at once. But I am very sure that will never be. Now, can't I make you believe me? I can only tell you just as near the truth as I know how and it is my hope that you will learn that if any kid could ever be true it will be me. I believe you said you was sure I could tell the truth but would I? I certainly will in every way. With you - you have my promise on that.

So, I guess will close as I am in a hurry this time. So, please remember when you are writing to or talking with me, you are communicating with one that will never fool you. On, the contrary, will forever be "johnnie on the spot". Time will tell both sides, if we each one live long enough but if you would listen to me I could tell my part without time telling it for us.

Lovingly yours only,

H. E. E.

Glendale, Fla.

Jan. 11th, 2012

Miss Ella Turner

Ealum Fla.

Dearest:-

I was expecting your letter last night and was stung but I received it tonight with the greatest satisfaction and here I am answering it just as soon as I read it. Gee, but am I not a good kid?

Well it would certainly be a great satisfaction to me if you would have written the answer as to what was keeping you thinking I was a flirt. You mentioned if you could think of me as one that really means and would always mean what I say. That's exactly the way I desire you to feel about me. And I would try and could believe you. If you could ever get the idea out of your head I was trying to flirt. You are right - there have been many girls fooled in various ways, that's true. So it is the same with boys. Occasionally a boy gets stung worse than the girl. Well I will give you my word and honor, if I have any, that I will never, never fool you. No, not you will I ever try to fool. And should anyone ever try to flirt with you I hope that they will be deceived. For I think too much of you to wish any foul play carried on.

And you can't see why I could enjoy your company and you not believing what I tell you! That's easy to explain. It is this way, I have a hope of sometime gaining your confidence. Even though you can't believe I am in earnest. Now maybe sometime in the near future you can see your mistake, see?

And it's no need answering your question as to how I enjoyed the afternoon Sunday. As you should know I am always happy when with you. As to me telling you I enjoyed being with you more than anyone that's bible truth for I do. It's like the little song goes (I don't know why I love you but I just does). So you can take my word for it and look on me as one that is will be forever ready to back up everything I tell you, dear, for I mean it all.

I don't think you will ever be able to get this letter straight. I believe it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to do that! For I never could see any sense to this sort of paper but it's on here if you can find it.

We arrived home nicely about 6 o'clock. I never once thought of being cold. I was not studying cold weather. My hands was cold but my heart was warm, all for you, see. I can't promise yet about coming to church. I certainly will be delighted if I can possibly get off. And what sounds good to me is you saying we would talk things over thoroughly. I wish we could understand each other. I believe it would better for us both. I will let you know if I can come. Wishing an immediate reply

I am yours if you say so,

H. E. E.

P. S. You will please excuse mistakes and place this letter together. I will do better next time.

Glendale, Fla.

Jan. 11th, 1912

Miss Ella Turner

Ealum, Florida

Dearest One:-

As it is Sunday night and I am so lonesome I can scarcely live. I hope it won't be so very embarrassing to you to get a second letter from me. I certainly spent a lonely Sunday today. Did you go to Cluster to church? I intended going but it was so dreadfully cold. But I have wished a thousand times I had gone after it was too late. How did you enjoy the day? Fine, I hope. I was sure enough anxious to see you today for I wanted to hear what you had to tell me face to face. "C" But I earnestly hope it will not be so bad.

Say, I received a letter last night you just ought to see. I will let you read next time we are together. Believe me, it's a peach that grew on a lemon tree. But listen, I will give you a little news. Miss Dora Underwood deliberately refused to escort Mr. Fate Heath home from Mr. Harper's this afternoon. That's what I have heard. I was not there.

So do you remember I asked you to give me one of your photos a long time ago? Well to my surprise and dissatisfaction I have not yet received that picture. Now won't you kindly slip one in your next letter and let it travel up this way? It will certainly be very highly appreciated.

Someone told me there would be services at Cluster again next Sunday and I guess I will try to find the way down there. I suppose this letter will be quite an unexpected surprise but I trust it will not be an unpleasant one. I am sure I would not if I was in your place and you need not be so much surprised to see a letter coming from me at any time for I am forever thinking of you and it's so near like talking to this entire community to talk over telephone until I prefer writing. I guess this letter is getting pretty lengthy so I will cut it out at once. Hoping to receive a long reply as an early date.

I am forever yours,

H. E. Edwards

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Glendale, Fla.,

Mar. 12th, 2012

Dearest:-

I guess you will think have gone perfectly crazy but the little walk was so short tonight. I don't think I care to sleep without first writing just a letter. Do I worry you with writing so much all at once? I hope not.

Listen, I noticed tonight you mentioned about getting some mail once from someone but couldn't remember who. If you only knew how I was placed down in them sticks about writing you would say nothing. I only run down to town twice while I was there and I spent every spare minute writing to you, Dear. Honest. And I have mailed you 2 letters to Ealum since I am back. One of them I held up here Monday morning after learning you was at Mr. Underwood's and the other one you did not answer. That's the reason I called you up tonight. You talked so indifferent Sunday night. And you know right well if I cared not to with you I did not care to go to no sing tonight.

I am looking for a letter from you, dear, until my eyes are almost sore. If you all do have a party this week I hope I can be with you. Bu since Mr. ____ Johnston has quit working for us I am having about 3 men's work to do. Do write me a long letter. It is my only desire to hear from you, dear.

Yours only,

H. E. E.

Glendale, Fla.

April, 17th, 1912

My Dearest Ella:-

Your letter received Sunday and I was, as usual, glad to hear from you. I am sure you enjoyed yourself at DeFuniak. Wish I could have been there but not to meet Pallie. You know right well who I would have been with if I had been there. It would have been no one by you, of course. And you have heard where there is no jealousy there is not much love. Are you jealous? I certainly am if that is the case.

Yes, I too would have liked to have been with you, Sunday. And you say you were lonesome for someone but you say I know who and I don't. But I can hope that it was me.

You know I am getting so tired of Glendale. I don't think I can stay here much more. It is honestly one of the sorriest places I was ever at.

I suppose Pallie had plenty of company and I expect you had plenty yourself. Did you not? Now as you told me you can look over a little teasing, can't you dear? I don't think I have any lady friends now, only you. And I hope we will always be friends and not only friends but even more. Listen, dear, this is getting so dark I can't see how to write no more so I will say goodbye for this time.

I am forever yours,

H. E. E.

Glendale Fla.

Nov. 26th 1912

Dearest:-

Yours to hand with delight. I notice where you say you will try to remember that you written the last letter this time. Well I always remember and always too glad when I get an opportunity to write to you.

I think I am preparing to leave dear old Glendale but will do everything in my power to see you, dear, before I go. But should I not, don't fail to answer my letter and send it to Glendale. I will get it.

And another thing, I would like to impress on your mind to not forget what we have both told each other in days gone by. For you see, I am hoping it will all work out to be true in the future. Which it shall, if it can be done by any cause of mine. You have always said I only thought of you when I was with you and would forget you as soon as out of sight. Now whether you have always been teasing or really had such ideas, I can't tell. But if it is real with you then you have another thought coming.

No, I will not make a long tiresome letter of this but will ask for an answer at once. Awaiting your replay I am to remain,

Loving yours,

H. E. Edwards

Glendale

Dec. 5th 2012

Dear Little Girl-

Your letter received with much satisfaction and contents noted. I am not gone from Glendale. No, as usual, it takes me about a month to get off from a place after I think I am ready.

But look you say I have told you so many things that are not true and you can't depend on anything I say. Now, of course, this does not exactly set well with me but nevertheless, have your way. But in the wind up I wish to say that I will see you this time before I go anywhere from Big Glendale. Now try to depend on this please, mam. Now you said something about explaining all this bad untruthful stuff I have been telling you. Yes, I will try to explain anything that is not clear to you when I see you. Until then, let's drop the subject.

I was thinking of going to Alabama soon. Though it might be that I would not go anywhere but to Glendale. Ha! So, I will ask you to remember me with a long letter at once I will promise to see you in the near future until then I will claim the honor of being

Only yours,

H. E. Edwards

Glendale, Fla.

Dec. 14, 2012

Dearest One:-

After our talk tonight I went down to the office and to my welcome surprise found your letter. I had the blues all day but after reading that letter and found you were not mad at me I feel much better. Now listen, I won't tell you a falsehood about it for it was me to blame for not writing. Honestly, I was not here any of the time and you know it is disagreeable about writing when you are traveling. So I will just ask you to please not be angry and I will try and not let that happen again.

I think now I will be around here somewhere about Christmas. I was expecting to go to Montgomery to keep books for a firm next year but I don't think now that I will. I am not sorry I will be at Glendale but rather think so and don't ever think I would dare go away without seeing you. Never would I for if there should be any one person on earth I would want to spend my last moments with before going away from any place it would certainly be you, dear. Say, I certainly hope you will spend Christmas up here. I think we two could make it jolly for each other if we were near one another during the Holidays. At least I am sure it would be that way with me.

I feel a little blue for not getting an invitation to that box party. Although I guess it was my own fault for delaying that letter but I will ask you again to please not think mean of me for that as you now the best of people make mistakes sometimes. Don't understand me to say I think myself the best. (See the point?)

Well I would like to know why you wished to see me before I went away. Is it anything important you have to tell me? Gee, I would like to know. I have something to tell you alright, if you will listen. "C"

Well I have written just about three times as much as you did. That shows my L_____ is so much stronger than yours. So I will close. Hoping to hear from you at once and see you soon. At which time I can explain a great many things that paper is too thin to hold. One other thing I wish to mention is you saying you would have sent me an invitation but you did not think it would be appreciated. You should have known that just a line from you at any time would be highly appreciated by me. Now I will close or this will get tiresome to you. Please let me hear from you at once.

Only yours,

H. E. Edwards

P. S. Please excuse this classy paper as I have no other at hand in fact it is about as good as Glendale affords.

H. E. E.

(No Date, possibly Dec. 31st 2012 or January 2, 2013?)

Tuesday Night

My Dearest:-

I received your most welcome sweet letter tonight which was certainly a welcome surprise to me. How good of you to think of me not knowing if I would get your letter or not. It certainly is grand to me to hear you say you realized you really loved me but them cruel words saying if I did not care for you to write just those few words in plain English and say I didn't. Dearest, how could I ever think of such a thing? If I knew you didn't care for me my life would not be worth living for me. For you alone, dear, are my heart's delight. I have always loved you since we met and I will die loving you more and more.

Now sweetheart, you may take everything just as I write you for if you r letter had been one day later I would not have gotten it no time soon.

I am sure Ella, dear, you say you love me and I believe you now. For you never before told me in as plainer manner as now. Possibly I never had you but it was not because I did not want you to know. I never could lie to you like I could other girls. For one reason, I guess because I was never before in love with a girl. I have never before wanted and never will tell you anything I can't always stick too. Therefore, I was always a little careful. I love you with a love that can never be turned or broken.

Right at the present time I can't tell you when I can see you again but I will be with you if I live, which I hope to do. I can't tell you tonight where I will be or where to write me at for the next few days but will drop you a postal.

Again, I will ask you never to think your love is thrown away or given to one that can't return it with a thousand times more. It is you I love. I will never, never forget you darling. Someone may take your part at my side but never at my heart. I hope we too will sometime be happy together. Listen I have something special to tell you or rather to ask you when we are together again.

It is raining tonight but all the same I am going to leave Glendale for a little spell, Ha! Ha! I am not in love with this place whatever!

I have written you a short letter and went to the office to mail it when I received yours. I know you would think me gone already. I would call you over the telephone but for you there would be little satisfaction in that because I am not sure I could talk very much. I might get choked up. You are dearer to me than anyone. I will send the other note I wrote in this letter. So I guess it's about time for me to ring off. Remember my thoughts are always with you when I am away. My heart it is yours so don't worry about me. I must hear from you soon. So as soon as I notify you , please write me a long sweet letter.

I am forever yours,

H. E. Edwards

P. S. this, as you say, for you and you only. Let none read!