



“My dearly beloved, (My dearly beloved sweetheart),

If I had the strength during the past months to inwardly remain calm and composed, and if I looked calmly and quietly at things to come, I owe this especially to all that which makes me feel connected to the good and beautiful things in this world and to the emotion inspired by the poet Whitman towards the whole world. As far as people are concerned, it is the ones closest to me, you above all, that embody these two elements for me.

In spite of all the difficulties, I gladly look back on my life up to now. Light outweighed the darkness. And our marriage was primarily responsible for this. Just last night I thought for a long time about the many beautiful moments of our marriage, and the longer I thought about them, the more of them I remembered.

It was as if I were looking into a star-filled sky, in which the number of stars is constantly growing, the more intensely you look into it. Do you remember Picnic Point, where we got engaged? Early in the morning I sang for joy at the Club. And even before that, our first serious conversation at lunch in a restaurant on State Street? This conversation became and remained my guiding star. How often did we put our head on each other's shoulders during the last sixteen years, at night when life had made us tired, either yours on my shoulder or mine on yours, and then everything was good again. I did that in

my thoughts during the past weeks and I will also do it during the coming weeks. Besides that, I have thought of you and all my loved ones regularly at 8 in the morning and at 9 at night. They think of both of us at the same time. Do this also; then one knows that the feelings of love flow into each other in this world. Our stressful work didn't make life easy for us, and the danger of being crushed wasn't easy, but in spite of that we remained alive. That was evident in our experience at the Großglockner (highest mountain in Austria) when we suddenly saw the big elk appear in front of us. Before that you were like a goddess ascending out of the ocean. You are in my heart. "You shall always be in my heart!" My biggest wish is that you are happy when you think of me. When I think of you, I am happy.

Many, many kisses! I embrace you tightly.

Your A."