

Hampstead Jan 24<sup>th</sup> /63  
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when your three years are out.

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I love you  
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and when she read it-to me  
it-went-all over me; but-I told  
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enlist-again without saying  
anything <sup>to me</sup> about it-. If you should  
hear what your little Annie is  
saying you would ~~not~~ think she  
wasnt-very patriotic. She has  
been <sup>in the hospital</sup> and got a cold potato  
and says, "cold potato is better  
than glory" She has reference  
to a little boy that-she read  
about-. He was training and  
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go home and get-some bread  
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Don't you think strange if  
I write queer for Lottie and Willie  
are here, and Annie is reading her  
sabbath-school-book and I was going  
to say Josie is crying, but she is not  
now, when Annie began to read she  
listened very attentively,

I have just read this last to  
them and Jo says "you shan't write  
so, now cross that-crying right out"

I suppose you will get Annie's  
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I like the idea of your keeping  
a journal for me very much. Now  
dont give it-up will you darling

I should like to know why you  
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get-home. I should know you if I only  
saw you walk. And I'll bet Annie  
will know you too. I was just-as nervous  
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Well I will close now, I ~~am~~ just think you were very kind not to enlist again But if you had I should have said you was very naughty, and I should never have forgiven you.  
Your own Emmy