

letter from

Henry A. Martin to

S. Celia Lawton

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Give my best wishes to all
the folks at Home - Tell Mrs. M
I've been coming for you and I'm
on over for and first you'll be
I can't - send in the
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9 days till Christmas

My S. Maria Barton.

My Own Darling Sweet Little One

It has not been many days
since I wrote to you but
as "I have nothing else to do" I
worry with a little more of
my thoughts as they occur.

My first thought is that
I would like very much to be
sitting down right in front of
you - (not between you and the
fire for tis cold over here to-
-night) with your hand in
mine. I would love to talk
with you till the "wee small
hours" but as I cant talk I
must write. Though you dont
write to me near so often as

I do to you, why dont you
write oftner My Darling? Spoil
me some more like you did
the last time. I thought that
you counted letters from your
Correspondents and gave them
one for Owen; but you dont
with me. well never Mind
I will pay you for your -
negligence when I get you over-
Here I will just Litteraly wear
out you - - month with Kisses.
well I guess I will go down
to C. T. on Friday night next I
want to go to Middle Ground on
Saturday if I can. and then He
wants me to help Him do a little
work at His House so I will not
get back Here any more till I
bring My Own My Darling Sweet
Little Wife. My Dear Sallie with me
I want my Precious Little One

with me not to sweep the House
cook meals Make beds and such like.
but I want your Companionship
Sympathy and Love. The ways of
Life has many dreary places in it
and I need you to accompany me
if I am overtaken by misfortune
if I meet with failure and defeat
when trials and temptations beset
me. Then I want you to stand by
and cheer and encourage and -
sympathize with me. I may and
very likely will have many hard
battles yet to fight with poverty with
enemies and with sin. and need you
to help me to fight - to put your
lips to my ear and whisper words
of counsel. To put your hand to
my heart and impart courage.
all through life. through storm
and sunshine. through conflict
and victory. through adverse

and through favoring winds.
I need I want your Love.
My Heart yearns for it.
and My Darling One I am
fully confident that I shall get
I know that you will be
all in all to me - and by
the Help of God I will be all
in all to thee. but I must
not worry you with any more
thoughts now. I could not write
down all for I think of you all
the time, and dont you see it would
take all my time to write all I think
of you. I will see you - well
I dont know whether I will see
you in the A.M. or P.M. - The 25
I will send word by Mrs C.P. when
she comes. Good by Dear Sallie.
Heaven Bless My Darling - Good by
Henry A. Martin

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to you why don't you write my darling? Spoil me
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 Heaven Bless my darling Good bye Henry A. Martin
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 and bring you over here and treat you horribly
 and kind as I can Goodbye dear Sallie