

Dear Janice —

April 24

Hi there chick! I got your most welcome letter yesterday. Thank you for writing! You know, this making tapes back and forth is really a ball! See the guys really enjoy it! We're looking forward to getting another one real soon.

I tried to write this letter last night but couldn't quite bring it off. Very unsatisfactory. The last paragraph of your letter about "us" letting go" really kind of set me back a little. To be honest with you it set me back alot. I mean it has to be, or does it, "... this is the end my friend." My only friend. We really are part of one another. It's strange to think of you married. Yet - what else can you do? Love Wayne. When I see you this summer it'll be real picky, fun. Though no games. Then what? I'll look long and hard for another girl as good as you. Awfully long and awfully hard. I'm sad, but I'm happy for you. It's going to be kind of like a partial eclipse when you get married.

All eclipses pass though don't they? I guess that's about enough on that. The good byes come hard. We should have had a knock down drag out maybe. Can pleasant memories be more ~~than~~ painful than bitter ones?

I don't know about that cycle trip this summer. I'll probably buy my cycle out on the coast so I won't have to tow it clear out there. And I've cancelled my MGB. What fun is a new car if it's so expensive you don't have anything left over after payments to enjoy it? None. I'll just shop around for awhile when I get home. That'll be fun. But taking that trip with you this summer is the most important thing right now and this summer. I'll pick you up in the Knob and we'll drift down through Clinton and then, it's your ball. I'm just here to learn.

Life is full of learning. Some of it comes by very hard lessons. You know I'm really kind of sorry. How strange to say "There was this girl named Jan."

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I'm gonna quit now. Write when you can. Give my best to your folks. I remember one time "Well, did he?" What a great family!

Love —  
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