

Nice, Thursday, August 16th, 1945

My darling Billy,

I have been waiting two days for a letter from you, not receiving one, this gives me great sadness. Yet I understand very well that you cannot write every day. But in Marseille, I got used to having letters from you everyday and Billy darling the bad habits are quickly taken. My darling Billy, Uncle sent you the photos that we had taken on the beach, they are not bad, they please me a lot and all I do is look at them because you look so good. I hope that you receive them soon. Billy darling, I wish that you would come back very soon to Nice because I cannot wait to see you again and when I go to Uncle and Aunty's house, I already talk about the day where you will be among us again since I have a lot of hope that I will see you again. Billy darling, I am happy to be able to write you more often. Yesterday night, I went far on the promenade with mother, Aunty and Uncle, we went to see a firework show and I was able to freely look at our beautiful little stars. Billy darling, at this moment a deep sadness invades me along with the fear of not seeing you again. Therefore, my darling Billy, I beg you to do your best to come back to Nice before returning to your dear country. Billy darling, you will say that I am repeating myself because I have already written this in many letters. But do you see Billy darling that this subject preoccupies me greatly? This afternoon, I am staying at the house and I will do a couple little projects. At 6 o'clock, I will go to Uncle's to see if I have the pleasure of getting a letter from you. Since my arrival in Nice, I have gone once to the Red Cross but at this moment, I no longer feel like going out, I prefer staying at home or rather going to Aunty and Uncle's. Besides, my outings are usually to go to their house. Today my godfather and my godmother, meaning my mother's parents, came for dinner at the house and I introduced you to them through photos, they find you very pleasant. Billy darling, tomorrow I will restart my swims with Uncle and Aunty but at this moment, the sea is not very calm. My darling Billy, excuse me if I tend to send the corrected version of your letter in French. I leave you for today my darling Billy hoping to soon have the joy of reading one of your long letters. Receive, my darling Billy all my love and millions of kisses.

Jany

P.S. Lolo sends you his best wishes and has tasked me with telling you that he will write you soon. Again, thousands of big kisses.

Jany

Dear Billy,

I just saw the photos that you had taken on the beach. I find them to be very good and I hope that you will be happy to receive them because Mr. Lodin sent them to you today. We all hope to see you again and to have you with us soon. I leave you in sending you all my best regards and my best wishes.

Mado

Jany's correction:

I would like to see you with your new hairstyle. It is very chic, yes? I want a photo of you with your new hairstyle please. Promise? Two nights ago I went to the opera to see the “Barber of Seville.”<sup>39</sup> Do you know this opera, the “Barber of Seville?” How do you like it? J, my darling, everyone plays and sings very well, especially Luis Bechi. M Bechi has the voice of a rich tenor. I do not like the music of the “Barber of Seville” since it is noisy and I do not like music that makes noise. I prefer calm operas, especially “Madame Butterfly and Carmen” with you. I want to see you with your pants. Oh la la, very chic. Are you very happy in Marseille? How are things? It is chic, it is amazing! Now I am feeling lazy due to the very hot weather. I have to leave you because it is time to go work.

My darling Billy, the rest is without errors. Very very good.

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<sup>39</sup>Barber of Seville or otherwise known as The Useless Precaution, is a comic opera in two acts composed by Giachino Rossini. This play is set in Sevilla, Spain during the 17th century. The play was performed originally in London and then production moved to both Paris and Italy.