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S.S. City of Rome

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My Own Darling

When I came aboard

I intended to write a page
or two every day, but for the
first few days it was so
rough & I was so near sick
that I could not do it &
after that I found the ship
so full of people, that it
was difficult, & I put it
off from day to day till
I find this the last day &
I have not written you
nearly a line, but I have

been thinking of you very
constantly. This is the first
voyage I ever took without
seeing a lot of the ladies,
but this time I have ~~often~~
hardly spoken to a girl,
whenever I thought of it, I
would think how very little
interest I had in them now,
that I would find myself
wondering off, by self &
thinking of what you were
doing. How I have wanted
to see you, & how I have
gone over the few times
we were together.

I am so anxious to hear
how you are getting on

I feel that I can hardly
wait to get to Richmond
for your letter.

I have had a fairly good
time on this trip & since
we left the Irish coast we
have had a perfectly calm
sea & fine bright days
nearly all the time, so
there has been hardly any
sickness for the past four
or five days.

We expect to get in some
time during tonight & to
land tomorrow morning
but I do not expect to be
able to get through the Custom
house & finish my business

in time to leave tomorrow night
so as Monday is a holiday
I hardly expect to get home
before Wednesday morning.

I dont seem to be able
to write a proper letter today
I dont seem up to it & will
not attempt the letter to
you now till I get home.

I do hope my dear love
that things are not so difficult
for you and that you will
never regret the step you have
taken. I sometimes wonder
if after all I am capable
of making you contented
and happy, but I know this
and you may rest fully



of mine, we have had seats at the
same table & it has been very
pleasant to see to be with
them. Good bye my own
S.S. Darling love, your own
father

assured, that my heart and
lives work shall be devoted
to that end, & nothing will
make me so truly happy
as to see that you do not
regret your choice.

I shall write you
again from Richmond
& I hope a better & more
satisfactory letter, now
I am writing under many
difficulties, this poor pen being
the best. give my love to

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Cousini & Gussie. & be sure to
write me fully of your
interview with Marriot. & I
will write you just what
my folks have to say
about us

We are not quite in
sight of New York yet,
but they say we must
have our letters ready by
six o'clock & as it is
now so near that I can't
write much more.

Did I tell you in my
Moville letter that I met
in the train at Glasgow, a
Student, (Dr. Comordin) & his wife
& a Baptist Minister Dr. Lyckman
all from Richmond & old friends