

Letter from Hetty to William Crawford, 29 January 1917
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My Dear Will

I now take great pleasure of answering your kind and loving letter. Well dear Will I am glad that you are keeping quite well the same as I am at present, except another cold.

It nearly starves you to death at Queensferry. I shall be glad when the weather gets warmer, it is a hard struggle to get out of bed these cold mornings but I am afraid I should never get out at all if you were there. Well dear Will I am glad that you love me.

I want your love because I love you. I often think of you and all that passed between us. But never mind dear Will I am not sorry. I only wish that you were here now. I often long for you. I should love to see you. I don't know when I shall see you again but I do hope that it will be very soon. Well dear Will I think it was very good of you to say that you couldn't do as you like without thinking of me first but you could dear Will because you know I have no claim upon you. But still I shouldn't like to think that what passed between you and I would pass between you and someone else.

But I trust you dear Will. Well Will my brother has gone back to France on Friday night. I had a letter from him today he landed at Folkestone quite safely and I hope that he will be spared to come back of course we know that many will have to give their lives yet before this war will end. But my one prayer is that they will never take you I should be brokenhearted if they were to take you. Well dear Will I don't think there is much more to tell you this time. Now be a good lad and I will be a good girl. You won't half have to love me when you come over again Will [we'll] have to make up for lost time dear Will. Write soon. Will now draw to a close with heaps of love and kisses.

Yours Hetty