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Dear Tat,

we met by chance
or perhaps by the fate
of the almighty. I've
felt for sometime now
that we were being drawn
together by a force stronger
than both of us. I know,
Babe, that we are not go-
ing to automatically be
perpetually happy, because
life ~~wasn't~~ ^{isn't} meant that
way. But I do know
that at ^{the} moment I'm happier
than at any other time in
my life, also more scared,
more nervous (as you can
tell by the ~~the~~ shaky hand-
writing) ~~and in awkward~~
~~moments~~

I could not have given a true definition of love before this point, but ~~now~~ ^{now I} can write down certain words that describe a feeling that can't be anything but love.

It all started when I began getting little "goose bumps" just by talking to you and a lump in my throat when I saw you. and then I began to realize that I could not stand being separated from you.

Right now my stomach feels, as it has since Wednesday, - extremely nervous, my heart just doesn't beat regular, nor does

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it even beat in the
right place - I sense
its in my throat.

My knees are starting
to get a little weak
and I feel like a very
small boy - waiting
for Santa to bring his toys -
and if you can imagine a
little boy super excited.
in fond anticipation
of the arrival of Christmas
morning - This is the
way I feel.

~~Prayer, that night
I pray to God that we
will be good for each
other and to each other.~~

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I pray to God that we may
draw unto each other and
become as one and that
we, daily will find new-
ness of love.

I will always cherish
the experiences we have
had during the past few
days (and all of our experiences)
It's made it extremely
exciting and different
and I think it made us
draw closer together.

Babe, I see you
as a very good and wonderful
person, full of much love.
I see you as beautiful -
both inside and out.
I see you as a person
who will work very
hard at being a wife

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and as a person who will
be extremely faithful to her
husband and to God.

~~I see~~ you as all my most
unimaginable dreams
of my dream girl. I see
you as tender and loving
and intelligent and kind. I
see you as my wife
forever. I see myself as a very lucky guy.
I love you very much.

Your soon to be husband,
Forever,

Don