## Dear children,

Nice that I got a card as soon as possible and how is it going now is no one seasick? That week I got your card, it was storming so bad that I kept thinking about whether you had a storm like this and now that I'm writing this letter it's storming so bad again. But you are already so far away and you may already have nice weather before you receive this letter. After we could no longer see the boat (We could also see you and the banner, but not what was on it) we went with Janny for a while and then went home.

We were just past the Marconiplein there Cor had to brake for school children who were crossing the road there was another car in front of us that also braked but behind us came a truck and it had not seen that and drove right into us it was a terrible blow I was first pushed forward and then hit back with my head against the closure of the side window it made me dizzy, you understand that I immediately got a big bump on my head and the shock was also bad. Because Cor braked, we did not meet the car that was driving in front of us. Cor and Eva were not injured but the car was dented in the back but the engine is in the front so when we got over the shock we could drive home. The driver of that truck said the car slid through. At home I immediately lay down on the couch and put a wet blanket on my head and now I take it easy because I will soon have a headache.

But I was supposed to go to Wim for the weekend and we couldn't reach him because he doesn't have a phone yet and he was in Germany that day, so Cor asked Toon for his car and we went to Alfen in the evening. Toon said dare you but I thought then I don't have to take care of anything and I had thought so many times when we were home again without accident that you should throw it up anyway and I am always grateful when we came home safely. I had a quiet time with Wim, he lives beautifully and I went home on Tuesday morning. Wim had to be in Rotterdam and I could ride along.

But I didn't go to Jord's birthday, but in life and health we hope to go to Huizen on February 26th, then Jasper will be baptised. Then I will go with Barrie and Toon and Kees. Did you know that Wim and Sjaan have been married for 25 years at the beginning of March. They don't want to do anything about it, but we plan to go there on Saturday evening 4 March.

I haven't heard if your skirt fit well or if Els still tried on her dress. How time flies, it's been almost two weeks now that you left. What did you think when you saw that 85-year-old gentleman, then Mother could also do that trip, but who knows what else will happen, but I would really like it for Els if Doe could come again and see her here all alone she would not be able to bring children. But we are not there yet. How do the boys feel and Els enjoys the trip.

The letter is filling up again and I end with my best wishes for your future. And I can only say: Leave your fate in the hands of the Father, leave your future to the Lord. **Warmest regards** from your loving Mother and kisses to all..

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