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1936, Evabel to Jack

Evabel Bell

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Dear Isabel,

I suppose you will think this is rather dumb writing you wrote when I see you all the time, but I had to put my feelings out somehow or I'll go crazy. Sometimes I feel so happy and gay and then when I think about it, I get so blue I would just like to sit down and cry. Oh I know you say Jack Bell isn't worth it, but you don't rate people by their value or by what other people think of them, at least I don't. I suppose you think I'm dumb and silly but, listen Isabel, I'm going to tell you something I've never told anyone else, not even Jack, I've never liked anyone half so well as I do Jack. Sometimes I wonder if I don't love him. I can't eat, sleep or study or do anything without seeing him or thinking about him. I've never felt like this about any boy before and you know I've never. I'd go with them and forget - maybe except Red, but he never affected me like this. You have no idea how my feelings were hurt when I heard Jack talking the way he did and then he got mad. He should have been the one to apologize. If he got tired of me why did he even have to come down, and the way that guy acted you would think

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Very Personal

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[[At a right angle (inside creases)]]

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