

Our sweet Nell,

Here we are together on the very first day of Anne's life. We are extremely happy.

You dear letter brightens our day and tells us that you are with us. The view of Buen Retiro is tucked into our letter, which we reread often during the quiet hours. Your love and thoughts afford us many hours of pleasure - and as always, you give us new songs to sing. Consider your arms full of our new love - This dear child who is so fortunate to

become your Godchild.

Please take our love and let it encircle you and protect you - it is really your love reborn in us and your gift of friendship renewed. Let it bring a warm sunshine to the Valley and bright stars to the evening sky. More and more our thankfulness extends toward you and tries, in my awkward words, to return to you across these pages and in small pictures.

I shall write no more tonight, but only add our prayers that your journey be a happy one in all ways. We shall not cease to think this and to write our messages as they come.

With our love to "Pater" and all those around you - and with special loving greetings from your children -

Anne · Greta · & Mitch