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Dearest Godmother mine. I am almost a year old—almost stepping alone, close to claiming words for sounds, nearly a child and not a babe. We have let time pass by, and now we will come. I feel the sun's warmth on my toes and almost can touch your hand as we walk down the slope to the meadow. It will be real soon — Then I will tell you



how much we speak of you and what you mean to our lives.

Love from your Anne.

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