

Life is too good to be true, I believe
it must be heaven. You under-
stand all these feelings, so I can
tell them to you.

Already I can hear the sound
of Bethany's little feet running
about in the moccasins you
have given her. Can't you see
those little white ones with the
toes turned in!

I just hope you are very
happy and have been able to
get to the things you have
wanted to do this summer. I
think of you oh so often! I just
love you, and love you, and
so does little Bethany. I will
give her five kisses from her
God-mama this evening.

Still more
love

From Bethany and

Please give John her Mama
our love too, and Betty.

August 12, 1940

Dearest Nell,

During these days here
I have thought of you so
often, especially when with
Bethany is lying in my arms.

The days cannot pass
quickly enough for me to have
you make the acquaintance of
your small God-daughter. I can
just picture you with her in
your arms!!

What joy it is to nurse
her! She is so satisfactory the way
she goes for her meals, and I
am simply overflowing with
milk; all the nurses are horrified
at the waste and say I could

have nursed two babies. Speaking
of nurses I have them all
beautifully trained at last to leave
me entirely alone at feeding
time; then what fun the Duckling
and I have together! Oh Nell,
she is so sweet, and so like
Sam! I just want to cry for
happiness when I look at her.
Isn't it delicious to feel their
little bodies up against one and
their wee face buried in ones
breast, just drinking in nourish-
ment! You and Mum share
all these lovely things with me,
you both have, I know, experienced
them to the full.

She is gaining three ounces
a day ^{that is} more than any of the
formula babies in the nursery
are gaining; I feel so proud
and happy.

I can just see her dressed
in the lovely little clothes you

have given her, in fact she is
going to wear her best dress
when she comes home to her
Papa. That joyous event will
take place August twenty fourth,
and I am just wondering
how I am going to be able
to bear so much of heaven
all at once! What a moment
it will be to walk over the
threshold of home with Sam
and our wee daughter, and at
last be a united little family!

Sam is too dear about our
Duckling, he is so interested
in her weight gains and all
the news I can possibly find to
tell him about her. I can just
see the two of them together, she
will look so wee in his fine
strong arms, won't she! Oh, Nell,
I am just so happy!!!! To have
such a husband and then
a wee little girl just like him!!!