

My Birth day[!]
5:30 - o'clock -

my own dearest Boy -
your gift came
tonight - and oh - I
wish I could give
you the proper squeeze
& a kiss for it - it's
beautiful, dearest -
you couldn't have
sent anything I would
have loved as much.
When the light
strikes it, it gets so

pretty, + reflects all²
the colors of the rainbow.
I wasn't expecting
anything like that - +
it most took my
breath away.

My mother sent
me a big box of
writing paper, with
the following inscrip-
tion:

"This box is for your
Birthday -

The contents for your man.

3) Will you please send it to him
on the "installment plan".
It was a good thing
I got it, for I had
used the last scrap
I had.

Mother Stearns sent
me the dearest nightie -
crepe with little yellow
& blue flowers in it -
& its all worked by
hand around the neck
& sleeves - & has a
little gold & blue ribbon
bow on it. I wont
wear it till you

4/ come back.

I'm going to have
my birthday cake etc.
on Wednesday when
we have our quilting
party -

It's dinner time now -
I'll write some more
tomorrow.

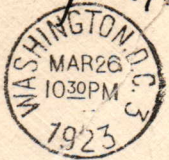
Many, many thanks
for your lovely, lovely, gift
to me. + Loving you
always - I am
your own little girl -

Alma

P.S. The letters I should have
gotten Fri. + Sat. just came today.

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