

AN EARLY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY DAUGHTER

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DEAR KRISTA,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEAUTIFUL. I KNOW I'M A MONTH EARLY BUT I DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR YOU SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO SEND A CARD. I'M SORRY THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN A GOOD DAD. I'M SORRY THAT I CONTINUE TO MAKE MISTAKES BUT I PRAY THAT YOU CAN FORGIVE ME. I LOVE YOU, I WANT NOTHING BUT FOR YOU TO HAVE AN AMAZING LIFE. I WILL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU KRISTA. WHEN I COMPARE YOU TO YOUR MOM, I DO NOT MEAN IT IN A BAD WAY. I DON'T EVER MEAN TO HURT YOU OR MAKE YOU FEEL LESS. IF ANYONE IS LESS, IT'S ME. I'VE REALLY GROWN UP & CHANGED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS BUT NONE OF WHAT I DO TAKES AWAY THAT I WAS NEVER THERE FOR YOU EXCEPT BIRTHDAYS & CHRISTMAS. I WOULD CLOSE MY EYES EVERY BIRTHDAY & CHRISTMAS & IMAGINE YOU OPENING ALL THE PRESENTS OUR FAMILY & MY FRIENDS SENT TO YOU.

I MISSED OUT ON EVERY SPECIAL MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE, I DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYMORE KRISTA. I ~~FELL~~ IN LOVE WITH YOU FROM THE MOMENT I FIRST HELD YOU. I LOOKED INTO YOUR BIG BROWN EYES, YOU WERE SO NERVOUS & SHY, BUT YOU HAD SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SMILE ON YOUR LITTLE FACE. IT MELTED MY HEART. I STILL HAVE THE 2 PHOTO'S WE TOOK HANGING ON MY WALL. I WISH YOU WERE CLOSER. I WISH YOU WOULD TALK TO YOUR UNCLE JJ & ASK HIM TO LET YOU MOVE IN WITH HIM. HE WOULD TAKE GREAT CARE OF YOU. & I KNOW BABY LUCY, SHE'S 4 NOW, WOULD LOVE TO HAVE HER BIG COUSIN THERE WITH HER. YOU'D BE SO CLOSE TO GRANDMOM & ME. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME GRANDMOM HAS LEFT BUT SHE LOVES YOU SO MUCH. SHE ASKED ME IF I HAD AN ADDRESS FOR YOU BUT I SAID NO. SHE IS WORRIED THAT SHE CAN'T SEND YOU A BIRTHDAY CARD. SHE IS DYING & SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT SENDING YOU A BIRTHDAY CARD. SHE LOVES YOU KID. PLEASE CALL HER. I CAN'T CALL YOU. I HAVE NO MONEY & WHEN THEY MOVED ME FROM ONE SIDE OF THE JAIL TO THE OTHER, THEY TOOK MY JOB FROM ME. BUT I CAN WRITE. I LOVE YOU, I MISS YOUR LETTERS. I STILL HAVE SOME OF YOUR HOMEWORK THAT YOUR MOM SENT ME WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE. YOU HAVE MY ADDRESS, PLEASE WRITE ME KID. I HAVEN'T SEEN A PHOTO OF YOU SINCE HANNAH MADE IT SO GRANDMOM & UNCLE JJ COULD COME VISIT YOU, THAT WAS 2 YEARS AGO.

IF I DON'T GET AN ADDRESS FOR YOU THEN I SAY THIS, I LOVE YOU KRISTA, WITH ALL OF MY HEART, I MISS YOU TERRIBLY. SINCE YOU LEFT MY LIFE & GRANDMOM GOT CANCER, I HAVEN'T SLEPT A FULL NIGHT IN OVER 2 YEARS. ALL I DO IS WORRY ABOUT YOU'S. I'LL BE 40 IN NOVEMBER & I HAVE SO MUCH GRAY & SILVER HAIR NOT IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY. I LOVE YOU ANGEL, I MISS YOU & I WOULD LOVE TO BE YOUR FRIEND. I KNOW I HAVEN'T BEEN A GOOD DAD, I NEVER LEARNED HOW, BUT I PROMISE TO NEVER JUDGE YOU, TO BE THERE FOR YOU WHENEVER YOU NEED ME, TO LOVE YOU, NO MATTER WHAT, FOREVER.

I HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY HAPPY 19th BIRTHDAY, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL WRITE ME. I KNOW COLD IT GETS OUT THERE, STAY WARM, STAY SAFE & KNOW THAT YOUR DAD LOVES YOU & IS ACHING TO HEAR FROM YOU. BUON COMPLEANNO.

TI AMO PER SEMPRE,

Dad