

Dear Vida,

I can't wait to meet you. I want to give you kisses, and hold you close to me, keeping you safe and warm. I cherish the quiet moments late at night and early in the morning as I can feel you bumping around in my belly. At first, your movements were so delicate, reminding me that you're my sweet little girl. They quickly became more intense, as if to assure me that you will be able to hold your own in this world. I imagine now that you will be just that in the future – sweet, but strong.

I didn't realize how much I wanted a little girl until we found out about you. Then I felt complete. I feel so close to you already, and I hope that is something that will continue all of our lives. I wish for us, most of all, a relationship of mutual respect. But for your life as a whole, I wish for so much more

- Find your true happiness, whatever that may be. Look for God's guidance in this, and my support – these you can count on.

- Share your life with someone that makes you feel good about yourself every day, and that you can call your best friend – don't settle.

- Respect yourself. Live your life so that you don't have to be ashamed of your actions - no regrets.

- Learn from your mistakes. Everyone makes them, but only fools ignore their lesson.

- Believe in yourself. You really can accomplish anything you want – just try.

- Cherish your brother. There is no better bond in the world than your relationship with him and it only gets better with time.

- Listen to your father. He is a smart man, and will do anything to protect you.

- God can be hard to understand, but he can provide great comfort if you just believe.

- Know that, no matter what, I will always be here for you. And I will always, always love my little girl.

***Love,
Momma***