

Melbourne, 23 Set 2013

Dear Katie,

how are you? Last week while we were going to the movies we saw a man holding the newspaper and on the front page there was a picture of you. At first we didn't know what to do, but then we decided to borrow it from him and afterwards read the article. They were talking about you and a girl called Alice! Omg it was like reading a crime novel! First of all we would like to apologize for not contacting you after the death of your sister Rachel (we didn't even come to your house to see how you were doing!) and after you left Melbourne but we thought that you needed some time alone. We know that a lot of time has passed since then and we should have written you this letter a long time ago but we wanted to let you know that you are still in our minds and that we really miss being friends with you! How is your daughter doing? We read on the newspaper that you were pregnant when Mick died... but they didn't mention the name of your baby, what's her name? We are really curious. How is it like to be a mum at this early age? I mean you're only 17 years old! We know it hasn't been easy for you since you are a single parent and you have to take care of her all by yourself, but luckily you have a lot of people close to you that love you and will help you bring her up. Anyhow keep in mind that you can count on us and we will help you whenever you need, just call us and we will be there! You are a very brave girl... if something like that happened to any of us we would have probably given up! How does it feel to look at your daughter and by doing that remember Mick and the good moments you spent together? It must be really difficult! In your opinion was it a good or bad thing to have met Alice? If you had the opportunity to go back in time would you avoid her knowing that she might ruin your life or would you let the relationship between you and her grow? How are things going now? Are you going to continue your studies or you want to dedicate yourself to your baby? You don't have to answer (to) this letter if you don't want to, we won't get offended or anything, on the contrary we will understand and support your choice. And if you do could you please send us a picture of you and your child? Looking forward to hearing from you. Write soon.

Miss you,

Aby and Chiara

Sydney, 27 Set 2013

Dear Chiara and Aby,

Thanks for your letter, it really made me happy! While I was reading it I remembered all the things we had been through, the good and bad moments we spent together... It made me smile and I really appreciated it. You don't need to apologize for what you did... or I should say what you didn't do, 'cause I would have done the same! On the contrary you did well, I really needed some time alone to reflect on all the things that had happened. It was very difficult and horrible to face the death of my sister Rachel all by myself but I was forced to since neither my parents nor the psychologist were able to help me overcome the

sense of guilt and remorse that I felt after leaving her alone. Plus the media wouldn't stop accusing me, my mom and dad for her death! They were exhausting! Most of the times I wanted to give up, run away and start a new life... so I did, I moved to Sydney! Now more than ever I think that it was the right choice for me. Here nobody knew me nor my story, no one would have been forced to look at me with that compassionate look on his/her face. I felt like a new person, a new Katie! I was still feeling guilty but at least there was nobody to constantly remind me of Rachel! Now I'm quite well, thanks to Sarah my daughter who brightens my days! She's such a good and beautiful girl. It hasn't been easy to take care of a baby at this early age, I mean I'm only 17! But I'm not alone, I have a lot of people here that are willing to help me: my parents and Philippa, Mick's sister. Whenever I need them they are there to support me, I will never thank them enough! And I will certainly call or text you two if I can't find a babysitter for Sarah or maybe if I just need some company. I know that I will never overcome the death of Mick but I'm glad that before he died he left a 'piece' of him here: Sarah. I promised him that I would take good care of her and that I would do everything I could to protect her! The question you asked regarding Alice made me think for an entire day... But I ended up thinking that it was a good thing after all! If it hadn't been for her I wouldn't have met Mick, nor Philippa, and I wouldn't have (had) my precious daughter by my side! If I had the opportunity to go back to when I initially met Alice I would not change a thing. Even though she killed Mick I'm happy with the life I have now. And since Sarah is still a baby, I guess I will dedicate myself to her until she's one year old and maybe then I will go to university. I want her to grow up healthy, happy and glad to have me as her mother! Thanks again for your letter, can't wait to read your reply.

Miss you too

Bye

Katie Boydell

Ps: I have attached a picture of me and Sarah, hope you like it ;)



Source picture: www.weheartit.com

When I look at you ~ Miley Cyrus

Everybody needs inspiration
Everybody needs a song
Beautiful melody,
when the night's so long
Cause there is no guarantee
That this life is easy (Yeah)
When my world is falling apart,
when there's no light
to break up the dark

That's when I, I, I look at you
When the waves
are flooding the shore and I can't
find my way home anymore
That's when I, I, I look at you
When I look at you
I see forgiveness,
I see the truth
You love me for who I am

like the stars hold the moon
Right there where they belong
and I know I'm not alone (Yeah)
When my world is falling apart,
when there's no light
to break up the dark
That's when I, I, I look at you
When the waves
are flooding the shore and I can't
find my way home anymore
That's when I, I, I look at you
You appear just like a dream to me
Just like kaleidoscope colors that
cover me
All I need every breath that I breathe
Don't you know you're beautiful
(Yeah, Yeah)
When the waves
are flooding the shore and I can't
find my way home anymore
That's when I, I, I look at you

Why we chose this song

“When I look at you” written by Miley Cyrus is a love song dedicated to the dream boy of Miley in the movie ‘The last song’. We chose this song because it’s about the difficulties and pains we all sooner or later have to face in life. Miley is speaking to ‘her dream boy’, the only one she can ‘look at’ after a person really close to her passed away: her father. In the book, Katie, after the death of her sister Rachel thinks that she can’t enjoy life nor be happy. But fortunately she meets Mick, ‘her dream boy’. He makes her understand that only because her sister is dead doesn’t mean that she has to be ‘dead’ to. Life goes on and no one can isolate his or her self from the world without going crazy! After all it wasn’t her fault if things went on that way! However thanks to him she finds the strength to get up, carry on and fight for her happiness!

Personal comment

We really enjoyed reading the book and doing this assignment! It was fun to have the opportunity to choose what we wanted to do and we can’t wait to see what we’re going to do next! :)

I look at you
yeah yeah
Oh Love
You appear just like a dream to me.

Song:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIqimoNyEBQ>

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