



## Season's Greetings!

### *One rainy day in Brooklyn...*

I cried again last night. As happy as I am to be carrying you, my little one, tears never seem too far away. Even nice things can cause me to well up! Yesterday I saw Christmas decorations on sale for the first time this year. It reminded me the new year is coming, and when it does I'll start showing with you! I hope you are as excited as I am!

A year from now we'll share our first festive season together. I'll adorn our home, wherever it might be, with a tree, coloured lights and tinsel! We'll buy you cute baby gifts to wrap and put under the tree! Our town in Italy will soon put up its lights, and nativity displays will spring up everywhere.

But what should we do? Stay here in the USA and continue the search for Sam, your father? Could I face going back to Italy and the anger of the family, who still have no idea you exist? I dream of escaping everything. Maybe take a backpacking trip around Australia, before you change my life forever? Then there is the offer of bar work on a cruise ship, in warm tropical waters, how lovely would that be!

Whatever decision I make, our future lives will change dramatically. I feel strong now, we can survive without Sam, and in the end there may only be you and I. However, when I think ahead, a sense of dread is beginning to surface. But let's save that for the new year. For now, I'll tell you all about Christmas, I'm sure you will love it as much as I do!

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