

And please tell me
really how you are. I'm
afraid you are really worse
Do tell me the whole truth
& don't be heroic.

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My dear Pippa

It's ages since I've written &
I've wanted to - but thank the Lord I've been
really busy - I had to organize life at Durbins
again de novo - and try to wind up things in
London so as to ~~go~~ away with the kids for a
fortnight & do it all, housekeeping, getting provisions
in & new temporary servants, servants' character
etc. So I haven't had much time over to think
& then the children come & I find that if I
can have them alone we have such & good
times.. Julian is charming to talk to he's got
though the habit by stage v. early & his
mind' when up & he's so extraordinarily
-like & kind. We went for a long walk
yesterday in the wild backwoods of the Downs

Just at present I can do nothing for an atrocious
toothache - however I've just arranged to have two

taken out to-morrow morning so it'll be better I hope tho'
I shall have practically nothing left to bite with. It's a
sad moment when one has to give up mastication
together with the other delights of youth.

It's lovely here now - autumnal & insides all over the
garden. I do wish you were here.

Pippa my dear please arrange sometime when
I can see you before too homthly long. Let me recite
my plans once more 11^h - 18^h with my people ^{in the} work.
18^h - 19^h - 20^h London. Easter Sunday I'm going to Gaslington
having made at least a social peace with her Ladyship.
After that all is blank. Why shouldn't I have a party
here and you & Lytton come or you and anyone else
Do tell me you can do something about them - say at
least the weekend Friday 28 - Monday 1st. I'm no good at
writing my dear but how I'd like to have a talk.

I believe I'm a sort of Caddis worm that's had its' case
broken up and I'm sticking little pieces together again & if
only they won't come unstuck I'll have quite a tolerable
tube to live in. It won't be as pretty as the last but it'll be
better than being naked. Yr. Poppy.

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