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Birthday Letter

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Owen!

Dear Owen,

Happy Birthday! I know this isn't the celebration you were hoping for, but maybe it will be the one you remember best. That's what happened on my brother's 8th birthday in 1954.

A few days before, two huge storms, Hurricane Carol and Hurricane Edna, came through and the power was out, the phones didn't work and there were so many trees down that it wasn't safe to drive so no party.

The only kid who could come was a Lizzy Pippet who lived down the street, close enough to walk. She and her mom had not gotten a gift, but they had a six pack of Hershey bars that were stored away for S'mores, so they wrapped that up. My mother didn't have the ingredients for a cake but she had a box of blueberry muffin mix and baked those in our gas stove.

My brother and Lizzy spent the afternoon stuffing their faces and exploring our back meadow to see what the storm had blown in. Tom always said it was his best birthday ever. Every year from then on, Lizzy brought him a 6 pack of Hershey bars.

I hope you enjoy these supplies for S'mores on a warmer day when you can have a bonfire. This should be enough for a couple of batches so maybe have some soon and save some for when you can invite a couple of friends to join you.

Happy Birthday,

Liz