

Hi Bill,

June 8th
(March letter)




I just got off the phone with you. I'm getting back on track with my letters.

On Friday, the one after I got back from Montreal I think, I woke up with a headache. I had it for most of the weekend. That Sunday was the Turkey dinner at church, and though I didn't feel well, I went anyways. I was tired and fatigued and didn't feel much like standing.

At some point, I think Monday, my ~~th~~ lymph nodes in my neck started to swell. I didn't think much of it, but that Sunday I went to the walk in clinic. He took a sample of my throat to check for strep, but he assumed it was mono so he ~~sent~~ gave me papers to go do a blood test. I didn't know much about mono, but Alex had had it once, for about two months and she said it was worse than her ovarian cyst. I had to wait for the Tuesday to do the test because the Monday was a holiday. There was a thing where you could register and check your tests online with myEhealth. For the next few days, I was constantly checking until my results came up. They were positive. At that point the lump on my neck was so large it was

easily seen, and very ~~so~~^{so} because it was so large.
That second week was not fun. My tonsils became huge and it was painful to eat or drink if I hadn't have ibuprofen. This all started maybe on the Tuesday of the second week. My strep test came back negative. But I kept on tracking. I never missed my class, and wasn't even feeling too fatigued. By Sunday my lump was going down in size, and my tonsils were hurting less. It was all uphill from there. Until Wednesday.

In the morning I had woken up and gotten dressed all normal. to head to class. However once there, I was getting pretty itchy, more than I should be. After class I went to the bathroom and OMG I was covered! Once home I inspected more. They were on my back, my chest and stomach. my thighs and upper upper arm. And it was itchy. You can get a rash from mono, but it's not usual, and it's not supposed to be itchy. But at least all the other symptoms were *gone*. You can still feel my left neck lymph node, but it's much, much smaller than it had been. Today, a week after this rash appeared and you can hardly see it! It's going down! It wasn't like hives I don't think. It wasn't raised too much. It was a bunch of tiny red dots, closer together on my stomach than my thighs. My whole mono has seemed to only last about 3 weeks. I guess I am one of the lucky ones.

Love Jemantia   
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