

## **MRS. VAN DAAN**

**“Putti? You know what I was just thinking? You won’t believe this, but I was thinking about that first day we met, when you were buzzing around with the rest of the boys in Bremerhaven. I picked you right away, you know.**

**You were the one who made me laugh, and laugh!...**

**That afternoon you took me out on the ferry, first you made me laugh and then you started to kiss me, and kiss me...**

**And the kisses were even better than the laughter - remember? You gave me so many, the ferryman kept watching us and the ferry went off course, and then you made me laugh even more!**

**When we got back, you had such a ravenous appetite you made that little restaurant open its’ doors and you ordered almost everything on the menu.**

**“What an appetite!” the waiter kept saying. “The man can really eat!” We’ll go back on that ferry one day, Putti. I promise. It won’t be long now.**

**And soon I’ll be cooking all your old favorites - sauerbraten with red cabbage, latkes with your cherished applesauce.**

**We’ll even to to Berkhof’s for cream cakes! But in the meantime, Putti, if you’re hungry, hold onto me.**

**Oh Putti, please. Just hold onto me.”**