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DILETTANTE COLLECTION

Wood Mounted Rubber Stamps

She was sick
with a cold
& she wondered
if Belgian
chocolates
might possibly
have a *curative*
effect.

“Well, who’s to
say they don’t?”
she asked her little
dog.

4200
J

Belgian Chocolates

“Oh,
thank you!!”
she cried, jumping up
and clapping her
hands together.
“It was SO lovely of you!”

(She was French, you see, and
just a BIT dramatic.)

4201
M

Oh Thank You

“Hats prevent the
growth of new
brain cells,”
he said sternly.
She nodded
& vowed to buy herself
an *elegant hat*
with
flowers,
organza
& a *veil*
the very next day.

4202
K

Hats Prevent

Upon entering middle
age, she developed a
fondness for umbrellas
& galoshes & noisy
spring thunderstorms.
And now her friends
find her wanderng
contentedly through
puddles when she
REALLY SHOULD be
working.

4203
K

Middle Age

LEARN
THE
FINE
ART
OF
waiting.
IT WILL
COME
IN
HANDY

4204
I

Art of Waiting

IT IS NOT
WHAT
YOU’VE
DONE
THAT
MATTERS,
BUT THE
ACT OF
DOING
IT.

4205
I

Not What You’ve Done

Keep
an
adventurous
heart.

4207
J

Adventurous Heart

dream
EXPLORE
COMMIT

4208
J

Dream Explore Commit



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Take
a
chance.
Then
take
another
one.

And another and . . .

4209
K

Take a Chance

Get quiet & listen to
what is
most
important
to you & run towards it
with an open
HEART.

4219
K

Get
Quiet

she watched
a leaf float
to the
ground
and was
reminded
of her
own life
falling
gently into
place . . .
at last.

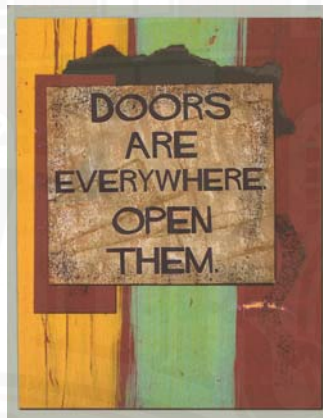
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K

Leaf Float

DOORS
ARE
EVERYWHERE.
OPEN
THEM.

4211
K

Doors Are Everywhere



ART
IS
EVERYWHERE
BUT YOU
HAVE TO
SEE IT.

4210
K

Art is
Everywhere

DO THE THING
YOU LOVE MORE THAN
ANYTHING IN LIFE! YOU
MIGHT BECOME A BIT
UNPREDICTABLE (SOMETIMES
CRANKY), BUT YOU WILL BE
HAPPIER THAN YOU EVER
IMAGINED
POSSIBLE.

4213
M

Do The Thing

YIKES!
YOU
GRADUATED!

4212
N

NOW WHAT?
Yikes! You Graduated!

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It is our belief in
GOODNESS
that lifts us up and
over and beyond all
that's ugly and tragic
in the world. To
keep that belief alive,
that's the trick.
That's the hard (but
entirely possible) part.

4215
M Goodness

G O D
DOESN'T
create irony or
hardship. Things
happen and we
have to figure out
what to do with
what happens.
God does the
G O O D
S T U F F .

4217
N God Does
Good Stuff

DIG DEEP

**FIND YOUR
STRENGTH**

Lean on others

Live well

4224
K Dig Deep

Maybe when we
die, our Real Selves
shake off the
confines of our
skin & bones
& even those who
never danced or
turned cartwheels
on Earth will
pirouette & spin
lightly, gaily,
gorgeously
through the
cosmos.

4220
O Our
Real Selves

WINTER COMES
HEARTS ACHE.
THE MOON
RISES.

WINTER GOES.
CROCUSES
BLOOM.

LAUGHTER
RETURNS.

4218
M Winter Comes

**ONCE OR
TWICE**

IN OUR LIVES, WE
ARE GIVEN THE
CHANCE TO FIND OUT
JUST HOW MUCH
INNER STRENGTH
WE POSSESS.

USUALLY WE FIND WE
HAVE FAR MORE THAN
WE EVER
IMAGINED.

4216
M Once or
Twice

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LAUGH HARD

Dance with abandon

Sing out loud

Love fiercely

4223

M

Laugh Hard

FUN IS GOOD.

4214

I

Fun Is Good



She said her brain had too many things in it and she was trying to get rid of the stuff she didn't need anymore. Some of it just wouldn't budge, though.

4227

K

Her Brain

If you pretend that LIFE is exciting, it will be. That's just how our hearts

4226

M

Life is Exciting

work.

Whenever possible choose ADVENTURE.

4225

M

Choose Adventure



4269

I

Roller Coaster

He called her "sweetie" and "crumbcake" and "darling" and "baby" and all the things (& more) that she ever wanted to be called. By contrast, she called him "dumbhead." A classic case of opposites attracting.

4221

N

Dumbhead

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Love &
Romance
are all very well
& good, but
FRIENDS!
Oh, I love my
friends to
pieces!

4222
M

Love & Romance

MY FRIENDS
remind me, by
their very
steadfastness,
that truth,
beauty, and
goodness exist
in the world,
and that, no
matter what,
there are and
always will be
people loving
people through
THICK AND
THIN.

4228
M

Friends Remind Me

Keys to a Happy
Life

Work hard. Be compassionate.
plant flowers. Avoid
anger, worry, & regret.
**BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU
HAVE.** Listen to others.
DANCE AND SING. Never refuse
dessert. **PLAY.** Cultivate
openness. **SPEND TIME WITH
CHILDREN.** Enjoy the
O U T D O O R S .
Spend time alone.

4229
N

Keys to Happy Life

4230
N

Cocktail
Hour

Occasionally,
her afternoon
tea ran
RIGHT into
cocktail hour
and there was
just nothing
she could do
about it.

4231
M

Chocolate
Truffles

She ate many
chocolate truffles
while pondering the
BIGGER
questions of life.
It didn't help her
thought process but
it did make the
whole enterprise
more enjoyable.

4232
N

One Day

ONE DAY
I realized that
true grace and even joy
lay in the ability to
accept what is.
At that moment
I went out the door
and reveled in the
steel grey sky
and bare trees,
knowing that they
are an essential
part of life.

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M Well, it's just about
O the hardest thing a
T woman could ever do.
H Makes you doubt
E yourself a thousand
R times a day. Puts all
H your little character
O flaws in the spotlight.
O Tries your patience.
D Makes your *heart*
burst with sadness,
happiness, and pride,
all in the same day, in
roller coaster-like
fashion.

4233
M

Motherhood

MY LITTLE
THANK YOU
SEEMS SO
TINY
COMPARED
TO WHAT
YOU
HAVE
GIVEN
ME.

4234
I

Little Thank You

It's Valentine's Day & I
couldn't help noticing
that NEITHER ONE OF US has
a Valentine, so I was
hoping I could just give
you this card, you know,
in the spirit of the day &
all, just for the fun &
hopefulness
of it, with the wish that
next year we might
both have proper
Valentines & we might
get & give heart-shaped
boxes of chocolates &
flowers
& all that stuff that
people get & give
on Valentine's Day.

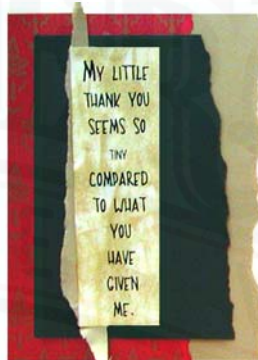
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M

It's Valentine's Day

BE
PATIENT.
SOMETIMES
YOU HAVE TO
LEARN THE
SAME THING
OVER & OVER
AGAIN.

4238
M

Be Patient



SOMETIMES
IT'S
BEST
TO
DO
NOTHING.

4206
I

Sometimes
It's Best

SOMETIMES
we just make wrong
choices, and what's
great about being
human is that we can
learn and try to do it
DIFFERENTLY
next time.

OR THE TIME AFTER THAT.

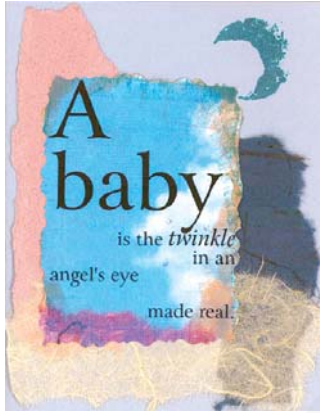
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M

Sometimes
We Just

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“Oh,

but I won't know what to do with a baby!” she cried.

But when the little one arrived, she was so full of joy & wonder that her heart told her just what to do.

4239
M
Ok But
I Won't
Know

A
baby

is the *twinkle*
in an
angel's eye

made real.

4240
M A Baby Is

“Why, this occasion
calls for

champagne!”

she cried out.

“And I just happen to
have a bottle.”

In no time at all, toasts were
offered, glasses were clinked

& everyone was
feeling rather

jolly!

4244
M Champagne

You are
two people
who could do

4242
I anything
together.

You Are
Two People

In our family we all
collect **ROCKS** and we
give them to each other
as birthday presents.
That way we have more
money for **CAKE**
& **ICE CREAM.**

4241
J
We Collect Rocks

YIKES!!
A TEENY TINY
BABY!

4243
H Yikes! A Baby!

F i n a l l y ,
the day came when they
were to be married.
& even though it
rained, the birds
a n n o u n c e d
the event to the world
as if it were a
beautiful day. Which,
of course, in their
two hearts, it really

W a s .
4245
K Finally
The Day Came

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she was not italian but
she could speak
english with an
italian accent &
she became
very romantic
whenever the tips of
his fingers smelled
of garlic.

Not Italian **4236**
L

Make
believe

4291
H
make
believe



We
met
&
everything
lovely
began.

4281
K
We Met

You
gave
me
dreams
&
helped
me
live
them.

4280
N
You
Gave Me
Dreams

I SAW A PLUMP
MOTHER & DAUGHTER
WALKING ALONG WITH
ARMS AROUND EACH
OTHER'S WAISTS & THE
SIGHT GAVE ME HOPE.

THEY LOOKED SO
ROUND
&
HAPPY
&
WELL FED.

4283
M
A Plump
Mother & Daughter

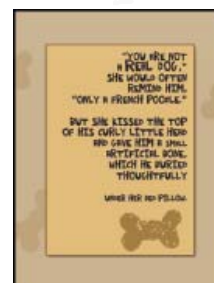
IMAGINE
yourself
filled
with
JOY.
Now keep
that
thought
& it will
COME
TRUE.

4284
N
Filled With Joy

"YOU ARE NOT
A REAL DOG,"
SHE WOULD OFTEN
REMIND HIM,
"ONLY A FRENCH POODLE."

BUT SHE KISSED THE TOP
OF HIS CURLY LITTLE HEAD
AND GAVE HIM A SMALL
ARTIFICIAL BONE,
WHICH HE BURIED
THOUGHTFULLY

UNDER HER BED PILLOW.



4282
K
Not a Real Dog

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO MY
GREAT
FRIEND THE ONE
WHO LISTENS TO
ALL MY TRIALS
AND TRIBULATIONS
AND WHO
CELEBRATES ALL
MY BIG AND LITTLE
JOYS.
THE ONE
WHO KNOWS
ALL ABOUT
ME AND
LOVES ME
ANYWAY.

4285
M

My
Great
Friend



YOU
ARE MY
WELL LOVED
most wonderful,
ever and always
straight from
the heart
FRIEND.
Thank you
THANK YOU
THANK YOU.

4286
K

Well Loved Friend

YOU'VE
DONE IT!
And we
who know
you are
not the
tiniest bit
SURPRISED.

4287
J

You've Done It

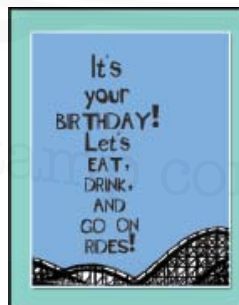
On your
birthday
and
every day
I
CELEBRATE
YOU

4290
K

I Celebrate
You

WE HAD SUCH
A WONDERFUL
TIME THAT WE
COULDN'T BEAR
TO GO BACK TO
OUR REGULAR
LIVES, AND SO
WE DECIDED WE
JUST
WOULDN'T.

It's
your
BIRTHDAY!
Let's
EAT,
DRINK,
AND
GO ON
RIDES!



4289
J

Eat, Drink
& Go On
Rides

AND THEN
ALL THE
GREATNESS
BEGAN.

4288
M

Suck a
Wonderful
Time

BLOODY
HELL.
I SCREWED UP.
I
I'M SO
SORRY.

4292
I

Screwed
Up

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On Christmas Eve
a long time ago,
my sister swore she
heard reindeer hooves
on the roof. I believed
her then & I believe
her still today.
We can all use a little
e x t r a
m a g i c
in our lives
I always say.

4247 Reindeer
K Hooves

Christmas
is a time of
MIRACLES
& MAGIC
Oh,
let your
hopeful
heart
believe!

4251 Miracles
K & Magic

Even though she was a
grown woman, she
believed in elves &
SANTA CLAUS
& flying reindeer & sacks
with an endless capacity
for toys. Furthermore,
she believed that
believing in these things
was the chief reason that
she had more
FuN IN Life
than others

4246 She Was
M A Grown
Woman

The great thing
about Christmas is that
lovely childhood dream
of going off to sleep
& waking in the morning
to our
heart's desire.
What a wonderful world it
would be if,
every day,
the MORNING ITSELF
was our
heart's desire.

4249 The Great Thing
M

As a very little girl,
she sat beneath
the Christmas tree
&
dreamed a dream
that one day
really did
come true.

4250 As a Very
J Little Girl



JOY
ELVES
SANTA
TINSEL
EGGNOG
PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS
JOY!

4253 Joy
N Elves
Santa

Wish upon a
star
on Christmas Eve
& that star
will warm you

all winter long.
4252 Wish Upon
I A Star

This
Christmas
let's start a
new tradition
of treating
each day
as another
Gift

4254 New
J Tradition

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Tiny white lights *twinkle*
like fallen stars casting a
spell on all the towns.
Children become
well-mannered & polite.
Little packages & cards go
back & forth among the
houses. People bake
fancy cookies for their
friends & decorate the
boxes with gold
sparkly stuff.

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

4261
N

Tiny White
Lights

Christmas Joy

4255
D

Christmas Joy

Love, *joy*
&
laughter.

Take them.
They are *my gifts to you.*

4259
J

Love, Joy
& Laughter

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO YOU

AND YOUR (CHECK ONE)

- HUSBAND
- WIFE
- DOMESTIC PARTNER
- BOYFRIEND
- GIRLFRIEND
- SINGLES CLUB
- BEST FRIEND
- DOG
- CAT

4258
M

Check One

Merry Christmas
TO YOU

& your loved ones, your dog,
your cat, your friends & neighbors,
your boss, your piano teacher, your
yoga instructor, your grocery
bagger, your trash collector,
your mechanic, the birds in your
yard, the squirrels who steal their
food, & the mice who would like to
steal yours.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!

4256
N

Merry Christmas
To You & Your

“What do
angels
do on
Christmas Eve?”
she asked her
mother.
“Why, the same
as you, darling.
They go to sleep
& dream
of

Sugarplums.”

4257
M

Sugarplums

“You’ll never guess
what I’m giving you this year!”
she cried, bursting through the
door with her packages.

“It’s TOO GOOD
to be true!”

4260
J

You’ll Never
Guess

Christmas Peace

4248
D

Christmas Peace

