

峯家族達、

ありがとうございました

Dear Mine family, you are a different kind of wonderful. You are constantly vigilant to keep each other cheerful, and even during the calm moments in your home, there was a steady air of love. Never have I met a whole family who loved each other like yours have. I am so lucky that someone out there chose me, thought of me when placing me into your family, even for the short amount of time we spent together.

At home, the many different people I got to meet were wonderful. I am so glad now, everyday, that I had the chance to get to know everyone. Do you know how it has affected me? Do you know how the sweets we got after school i hesitate to eat, because of the memory i have connected with them? Do you know how the music we listened to together, even though familiar, has new meaning to me?

Every second I cherished. I loved going to school with Kotoha. I loved going around town with Nanoha. I loved 'working' with Itoha and playing with her. I loved driving and talking with Satoshi, and I loved working at the 商店 with Haruka. I loved picking oranges, or going out to get udon, or sushi. I loved going to the various コンビニ, and seeing which ones we liked, or picking up Itoha from daycare.

I began learning Japanese on a whim. I started because I liked music, and now it has taken me so far. I have gotten to know the inside of your home, and shop, and school, and life. I have been welcomed into the daily wonder that is simply living. For that, I'm more than grateful. I love the memories I have made.

I will be back. If not to further my speaking and listening skills, if not to experience the temple we went to together during plum-blossom season, if not to watch fireworks burst over Satsuma river, then at least for the curry.

And Haruka, I've decided at last. My favorite food, in all of Japanese cuisine, must be your curry. I will see all of you again.

それまで、待ったね。

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