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This has been a tiring day & it is now bed time.

> Lots of love to you both. your affectionate daughter Myrtle.