

We are, whether we're wearing a-line skirts and crop-tops or old-fashioned tunics...  
 And those dolls? Those dolls you gloss or rewig, those dolls you bring with you to where you're going—

We all know they'll always be like you...  
 Like, underneath?

They'll always be that same little girl.  
 Your doll? She's always young at heart, and good, and pure.

And that's what's really special about AG.  
 And about this community!

That in our hearts we share that same good  
 And that commitment to good.  
 And kindness  
 And bravery  
 And spirit, even when we fill in our dolly's brows.

So to answer the question:

MARTI

Some days I wake up in the morning and I am very afraid  
 Because I'm like what if Windy loses her virginity before me  
 Or gets into Kenyon instead of me  
 Or her parents get divorced before mine do, what the fuck,  
 I dream that one of her grandparents, the ones she's really close to on her dad's side, dies?

Before any of mine and after that she wears eyeshadow  
 And a bigger size tampon – or any tampon at all,  
 In the dream she says, *grief changes you*,  
 and only ever opens her eyes halfway, like a movie star.

If I had a boyfriend I'd tell him to break up with me right now.

I'd be like sir, could you expedite this heartbreak please? It's for a good cause.

I'd be like Lena Dunham and *try* to have an abortion.

I want to be like the Han Solo of everything I do:

*I love you. I know.*

WINDY

My prediction is the that *true* Girl of the Year will really be a custom.

Yeah that's right! A custom.

A girl made by one of *you*. Shaped however you want, with whatever eyes or freckles or wig or



~~makeup or tights you need.~~

A doll who you allow to be anyone she needs to be no matter what people say about her, or about you.

A doll with limitless – limitless possibility! A doll ready for anything, a doll beautiful and daring,  
But always with that same sweet little smile underneath.

Anyway.

MARTI  
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I will literally lay a flag all over sixteen and fuck on it so help me god,  
otherwise I think I will have to die.

~~WINDY  
Happy 1000 followers. And stay strong, American Girl!~~

LIGHTS.