

My Much loved Wife,

This is your own private letter to your self individually the one accompanying this you can let them all read if you have a mind to how I wish I could sit by your side and converse with you for an evening & then lie by your side for the night instead of talking to you by the fire & sleeping alone upon the tented field

I always remember you in my prayers morning and evening & my thoughts are frequently upon you through the day. I can now fully realize how precious & dear you are to me. I miss you much. You speak of unkind words do not speak of them I am the one that has always given you cause to complain. I feel as though if God should spare my life to again have the happiness of living with you in our own quiet home that I shall ever be more tender of you than heretofore. My love for you grows stronger I believe every day. Oh how much happiness we have enjoyed unappreciated until the present. It seems that I must come home & see you & that befalling I shall come as soon as I have the means to come with. how much I would prize your picture I would wear it next to my heart & kiss it often, but this would be a small comfort to your own dear self.

But I will not complain of our separation for Gods ways are mysterious and all works for our own good in the end. Write often & believe me your own dear husband in love & affection

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