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Dear Friend Andria

It is quite a pity to have  
any waist paper go so far so long  
as we have so much to write.

This has been a long day to me  
a cold sultry gloom seems to pervade  
nature, that bids us farewell to  
"Flowers and leafy borders" for the present.

A long time has elapsed since our first  
meeting and Oh! what changes has time  
wrought with us since that period but  
I have not yet forgotten one whose conde-  
scension and kindness long since won  
my gratitude and love - There are times  
when the remembrance of an absent and  
apparently forgotten friend, who has shared  
our thoughts, our joys and sorrows in by-gone  
days will come throning to the mind - and  
awake emotions of regret and pensive pleasure  
such Dear Andria is my present feeling

Our fathers gone as liberty but little did they dream  
of slaves  
The grand results that you allay this mighty age  
For our mountains lakes and rivers are all a  
mine  
And we send our news by lighting on the telegraphic  
line, Then come along &c &c

"go ahead"  
We are bound to let the nations and our motto's  
we will feel  
And will tell all foreign peoples that our people  
not a fool  
And  
The people must remember Andria Soon is  
to school  
For the people do the eating and the children go  
line, Then come along &c &c

You must excuse this miserable  
writing for any pen is so coarse and I  
am in a great hurry it is near school  
time and I have a lesson to get

P.S. so good bye  
Now I would you must do as you said you  
about writing answer this as soon as possible  
and make that very soon We must keep  
up correspondence if he won't be jealous  
and I know he won't - of course not - tell  
him you must have your childhood friends  
tell now write with write will you won't you