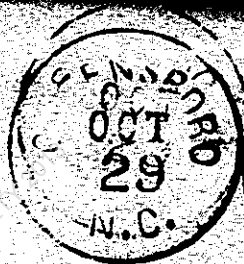


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My Darling -

I am back from Cobles
in time to drop you another line
today - All day I have been as
happy as I could be without your
presence. How I do wish you were here.

If I could only take you in my arms
and tell you betwixt kisses all that
is in my heart - It seems to me that
I never needed you - or at least,
wanted you so much - The day has
been so bright and beautiful - a
little cool - and the hickories and
gums in their glory - I have enjoyed
my 32 miles ride splendidly. The
meeting was satisfactory - the
news is good and I want to see

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Oh, I would devour you with kisses -
and overwhelm you with love -

God bless my far away darling with
beautiful delight - I believe that I am
willing to meet whatever the future
may bring - All my discontent is
gone - I cannot yet think that I am
to see you again - I can only hope
but I am content. Good night,
my bird - my love, my life -

Peace to thy slumber, joy to thy wak-
ing, love to thy life -

Albin)

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you and tell you so much
more than you can guess on
I can write - I suppose you are
sleeping peacefully - perhaps dream-
ing of me while I am writing
and longing for you - If I could
only fold you in my arms, clutch
your sweet breast, feel your lips
and talk with you all night, it
would be Heaven indeed - God
bless you darling - I feel that He
has blessed me - Oh! I have so
much to tell you and can only
send a few cold words - Dear-
est, sweetest, ~~best~~ let me be your
lover again - Let me see you once
more to be my bird - Oh darling it
is well with us. Whether I win or lose
in the fight here, it is well. Love, love
I send you a thousand kisses - a
thousand curses - It is not passion -
I hardly know if I should love you if
you should come to see now but