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cut a friend

dear him

of world

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of course I am sure you will
a very kind - in fact you
a real love but with you. You have been
my thoughts may be today and
have stolen away into a little bedroom where
I can sit to write to you without any
interrupted by other people. I have been
accustomed to write and think of you all
alone and in perfect silence. That is why
at least somewhat to be in the presence
of other people I try and think of you
to be sure more alone and writing to you
I could not shake the bustle of the city and
the noise of a growing peasant before me
visit in undisturbed happiness & peace
I am sure you will not be quick of thought
all these things would be a great
and in the end would be a great

Since that may not be, however, I must even
content myself with a fancied kiss, an imaginary
embrace, and a far away Love. I have looked
at you as you described yourself on the night of the
wedding, and pronounced your appearance,
exactly Coarse if faint: I don't think you could
have improved it easily. You say you think I will
not be able to fancy how you looked on deshab-
ille as I will some time. Now, Love, consider that a
reflection on my power of imagination. Not able
to fancy how you looked!! What an idea, and
who has made some pretensions to the art poet-
ic, and on several occasions has tagged his son-
nets lines with rhymes, not able to picture to
himself his Love, half-clad! Why — but I will stop.
I was about to prove the truth of my conception by
giving you a burlesque of yourself in that condition
but I cannot do it — I do not wish to do it, for I would
to accomplish it I must satirize, all that I love, ^{even} ~~and~~
that fair bosom of yours, and though it might have
served you to laughter, it would not have made you
happy, nor would it have been pleasant to think
of afterwards. No, my Own I cannot fancy how
you looked and am content to wait until I can see you

wife before I know how fair my Love
One will appear in William's scabbled coat, that
one in which she welcome to the nuptial couch
her spouse. I must thank you however, for your
ing that chemise, that I might know just, ^{how} the
bosom that I love, was clad. I know that had I
seen Emma on that evening I should have been
proud of her and quite unable to resist the
temptation to kiss her lips, and thank her for the night
you me. I am glad, Emma that you did not
feel envious, that night, that you would not trust
in our own scaptrials. I know that I am unfit
to perform the duties of a husband and a father
to secure your happiness and mine, yet sometimes
the wish will creep into my heart, that I might
to Emma, when so many months or weeks have
passed, we will be wed. Sometimes I think that
I will tell Emma, that three years from now we will
wed. And then I bethink me that I do not wish
to marry then, that perhaps I cannot marry
then, and then I thank Our Father that he has
given me this knowledge, that he has not
set it on your heart, and that I should not
we have, we had to wait with patience till

discipline may be ours without one drop of bitterness to sully their enjoyment.
Gen Emma, our job need not be that of ease and pleasure only, but those which
become pure and holy reason even hatred, which our holy religion shall allow and
indulgent heaven may bless with an approving smile. ~~It is a great evil, with~~
gratitude for present joys, and faith for future blessings. ~~From Emma that I for~~
get to speak of God and Heaven to you, as at night and thank you, ~~but love, for saying~~
to me. "Don't you know we are to Heaven?" Gen Emma dole at ~~that I may I have~~
very near to that home of bliss, and feel your presence with me, and the natural ground
of it. I do feel that we speak to each other, far too little, of things ~~that~~ I pray God
that he may still cleanse our hearts, in Christ Jesus. ~~Gen Emma~~ For myself
I often, almost forgot that Christ died for us that I have an interest in his
blood. I am very sinful very weak, very low, and need your prayers for my deli-
verance. I have not yet joined any church in R. - unless about ~~to join what board~~
shall you - if any. I am truly in a strait about the matter. ~~We have weekly~~
prayer meetings in our class, and very good ones, too, Gen, at first, they are very
formal I fear to join any church, I fear to join ~~any church~~ and truly
know not what to do. Ask our Father Emma that he will give
me this Holy Spirit to direct my course I don't know how
every word of guidance with Ned is to be opened under you
all write to him for I have no assurance that next a

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