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My dear William

It is almost  
sunburnt and I have just  
commenced riding to you  
and will save some time  
and a little more to get to  
my old friend and  
I sincerely trust  
you will be  
reading them with a  
delight and to get the words  
and to be reading to me and

The thing that cannot be a ~~mere~~ dear friend  
 use at all and ~~the~~ ~~will~~ ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~any~~ ~~wise~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~with~~  
 will not even go a long ~~distance~~ but never mind  
 letter to it with Emma you must feel so  
 and the ~~whole~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 the ~~best~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 a ~~good~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 the ~~best~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 will ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~

things are the ~~best~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 that ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 that ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 if ~~you~~ ~~can~~ ~~do~~ ~~it~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 take ~~it~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 as ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~  
 see ~~it~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~end~~

I am very glad to hear from you  
 and hope you are well. I  
 have not much news to write  
 at present. I am still in  
 the same place. I have  
 been very busy lately  
 with my work. I have  
 not had time to write  
 you more often. I  
 hope to do so soon.  
 I am very truly  
 your affectionate  
 friend  
 E. M.

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