

July 23rd 1822.

Youghall

N.B.

My darling Edward.

Do you miss me? ever? at all?

I cannot give. He if I miss you as out of wisdom I came away and left you a purpose - Darling I hate it - my home, my feelings every thing seems so incomplete without you. I don't know if I can stand another month without you. It - Today has been un bearable to me. I have longed for you. Life is all so short & why be separated - even for six weeks when you don't have to be.

Poor little Ann, I see so clearly in
 her - what has made me so miserable
 since my marriage & that is the
 absolute fear of having the thing
 you love most away from you
 for even five minutes - I
 can never leave her now for even
 five minutes - without kissing her
 hugging her, wiping her, washing my
 hand etc & then she looks
 broken hearted when I go. My
 son was me. Edward dear I
 do love my babies - but most
 of all you. You are good
 & thoughtful of me in many

ways that I do not always
appreciate & understand at the
time — but I must not write
in this strain any longer, or
I will make myself ill with
loneliness for you my very dearest
boy — & besides it is not
fair for me to open & give you
my heart's secrets when you
do not unlock to me!

Today I went to bring home
the little Stevenson boy from
the hospital — I was left alone
with the dear little fellow for
a few minutes & he looked
up at me & said suddenly,
"Don't in warning voice," Don't

you get that doctor for your
babies "!" I said oh! why not? - He
replied "oh h'el hunt em "hel
stick things into them" - The pen
were lamb. had been hurt so much
he wanted to war me for my
children I thought it sweet gli-

I wonder if Mr Stevenson naps
up - he said he would.

Dearest Edward it is 10.30 + I
must go to bed - my blessing on
you - I wonder if you went to
church today. I did not - but took
nurse -

I must go + lock up - It is dark
dreary + windy tonight - Little Alice
sleeps with me now -

Good night Sweet heart.

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