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Shavano, Texas

My Darling!

Just for once do you want me to write you a love letter? You have no idea of what I am capable in that line! Since, an hour ago, I read for the 1st time a certain letter which is now (having been read the third or fourth time) calmly reposing in my pocket my hurt has simply been overflowing. With love and loving thoughts toward lover object with sympathy in the feeling awaked by that letter from your sister Ella (Mine too as soon as she will let me be) and thankfulness. Before I know, I said Father I thank thee for the preciousness of it!