

27 Hollis Street  
Sunday aft. Ap. 16 '65

Dear Kelly,

I want to write you  
a note this afternoon, but  
it will be rather a hasty one.  
For Miss Gray was very ill  
yesterday, & I must go over to  
spend a part of the afternoon,  
with her. And since dinner,  
we have had company, who  
have hindered me a good while.

We are all feeling very  
much the sad, sad events of  
the last few hours. And I  
think you will be feeling them  
too. I think you have loved  
& respected Abraham Lincoln,  
as much as you could anyone  
whom you did not personally  
know, & I think you have nat-

eyes how good & true he  
has been. How in the  
midst of all the turmoil  
& opposition of the time, he  
has gone steadily on, doing  
what he believed to be  
right, & seeking to avoid  
bitter feeling & all un-  
kindness. I am glad for  
you that you have lived in  
his rule. You will remem-  
ber forever, with satisfac-  
tion, that you were alive  
at this time. Everybody  
here seems trying to remem-  
ber that God will bear  
us safely through this new  
& terrible trial, if we are  
faithful. But the mourning  
is general, & very sincere.

I thank you for your note,  
which came yesterday, and  
told just what I wanted  
to hear. I know you are  
having a good time, and will  
be glad to stay till Tuesday.  
When you arrive if I do not  
meet you, I want you to  
go straight to school, with-  
out coming home. And ask  
Miss Brown, in my name,  
to please excuse you ab-  
sence. If she wants a written  
note, you may show her  
this. Then, will come  
your riding lesson, wh. you  
will enjoy. If I do not  
meet you, I think Joanna  
will, with your thin coat,

if the day is warm. So  
ask Uncle Sam. to please  
let you stop in the Ladies'  
room of the departing Na-  
tion, where I will tell  
Samia to be.

You ask where I am  
going. Perhaps to Washing-  
ton, though this last news  
may change all the plans.  
I cannot therefore speak  
with any certainty. If  
I do so, it will be before  
you get home, for which I  
shall be very sorry. I do not  
like to go, without a good bye kiss  
from a girl I know.

Now it must be good bye  
without a kiss, but with my  
love, & to all.

Yours, A. W. M.