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My dear Ann

The shades of night have once more cast their mantle from around us which brings on hour for calm and sweet meditations. The golden sun has sunk behind the western hills and the silvery moon is nobbling forth upon its majestic orb casting its gentle and hallowed ray around and upon the spacious earth. The Planet, the twinkling stars and the tinged clouds alike surround it giving fresh beauty to its magnificent and unrivaled splendor. The whole firmament seemed decked with light and glowing beauty the grandeur of which forcibly reminds me of that glorious afternoon in which it was my good fortune to enjoy your agreeable society in a pleasant ride when all nature was hushed in universal stillness even the roar of the carriage wheels was but faintly heard. It is now in this hour of solitude that my mind delights to wander back upon that day and fondly call to memory many pleasing incidences especially those in which you are so agreeably and intimately associated. There are many pleasing incidences connected with

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our brief acquaintance which renders it doubly  
impressive and the recollection of which time  
and circumstances never can eradicate them  
from my memory.

But should you may be surprised at receiving  
this from one with whom you have so short  
an acquaintance! But there are seasons in life when  
affection seems to break away from its ordinary restraints  
and like a river swollen by a fresh overflow, let  
I do myself great injustice by suppressing my feelings  
although our acquaintance is brief my heart is warm  
and sincerely bests for you.

What a strange piece of mechanism is the  
human heart! What a revolution of feeling has  
been excited in mine by the anticipation of  
possessing the bright creature of my imagination.  
Best to toil far, to gaze on, and to administer to  
every want. I have now arrived at an age when  
the foolish vanities of the world please me not when  
more substantial things engage my thoughts such  
as business and one whom I can love, a pure  
and holy affection, to devote myself to the  
wishes and happiness of her who would fill my  
constant thoughts. But why I indulge in this  
desire your heart may be for another  
but if not give me that word and say  
this is a hope for me you will never find

One whose soul will be more  
It state of happiness to borrow,  
In all thy woes to bear a part  
In all thy pleasures to attend it.  
And feel that never from his  
Can aught that happens rend,  
Ever since I saw you my heart was  
to one who must become the arbiter of  
happiness a eternal misery.

Dear dear Anna Maria  
A.B. Please give kindest regards to your Mother  
and let me hear from you  
Should the weather prove  
unfavourable Thursday you may  
expect me the first pleasant day  
Thermaine Bowser

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