

To  
Robert Valentine  
in the care of Mrs Myers

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Dear Child

I have now an opportunity of writing to you and I embrace it with pleasure I have been waiting to hear from you but in vain I am well and so are all the rest and I hope you are the same you have now arrived at an age that you can act and choose for yourself and I hope you will make up your mind to come and see me if it is no more than to pay me a short visit and I shall be perfectly willing that you should go back again; and I would like to know what ~~was~~ there is that would not like to see there parent the only one that you have; it is true you have been taught to forget ~~for~~ me but I now ask you my son in the love of God if it is right or natural that you should forget your parent whose nursed you when a babe in your helpless infancy that you should now forget her and not bestow one thought or condescend to write one line to me to let ~~you~~ <sup>me</sup> know whether you are dead or alive in health or in sickness; but I now hope my dear son that you have not entirely forget me but will write as soon as you receive this and show that you do not forget me who you are bound by the laws of God and man never to forget and if you wish to leave there you have a home here with your Mother or you can live with your Grandparents so you are better provided with them the most of Children we all stand with open arms ready to receive you

I now close my short letter to you wishing you health and a long life your Grandparents send there love to you and also your uncles and aunts send there also. I hope you will write as soon as you receive this and send it by Mrs. Meyers who is the bearer of this. So I bid you Farewell from your affectionate Mother  
to my son Robert  
Direct your letter at No 36 1/2 Pearl Corner of Beaque St New Y