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## Letter from Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1891 Feb 3.

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Dear Brother John

I received  
your good & comforting  
letter, & it cheered me up  
& I have read it again  
& again when the dark  
side would come up.

I thank God for such  
a Brother & thank you  
& Loriel, & all of you for your  
kindness and kindly feeling  
toward us, it is very precious  
to me, but John it is  
natural for us all to be  
eager to work our own  
way in this world. though

for some years it would seem that we have worse than Jaelid. but we are hoping & trusting that, as for Guy (by God's help) "better times will come". & won't it be a happy day when we again are square with the world? but God only knows when. but we do know that "all things work together for good to them that love Him", in some way.

Perhaps you will be surprised when you read the letter John has been writing this morning. since losing the sheep job he has become restless. & is beating about like a bird in a cage. & wondering how he can get away from the "Land" taught to earn something

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he agreed to take care of the sheep for a year & the Owner was honorable. but under the circumstances it was best for him to give them up. The Boys are breaking some horses Harry will be twenty one next August - but as he is not the steadiest of boys I should hate to leave him alone on the Ranch. though he likes it pretty well I mean living here but we have no treated plans. & just think of it my baby boy is sixteen & John & I look quite old. I hope this will find you all well  
Love to you all yourself

to Louie & The Children  
and Mrs Stretzel  
as ever

affectionately  
Maggie

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