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## Letter from John Muir to Annie L. Muir, 1868 Aug 15

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Hopetown Aug<sup>y</sup> 15, 68.

Dear twin Ann, I was sorry  
to know that you had borrowed  
trouble over me, your anxiety was  
I fear too rapid a growth, having  
sprouted, leafed, & fruited ere it  
had any business to come out of  
the ground.

Those three months in which  
I was reported missing were the  
flouriest of all the months of my  
existence, no matter what direction  
I travelled I still waded enveloped  
by day, & slept with them by  
night, hundreds of flowery gems of  
most surpassing loveliness touched  
my feet at every step, and buried  
them out of sight, I was very  
happy, the lakes & insects sang  
streams of unmeasured joy; glorious  
mountain walls around me, a sky  
of plants beneath, & a sky of light above,  
all kept by their Maker in perfect beauty.

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I am as before

I am always a little homesick  
Ammis - Ought I not to be a man  
by this time I put away childish  
things, I have wandered far enough,  
I see strange faces enough to feel  
the whole world a home, I am  
a hater too, I should not be  
a boy, but I cannot accustom  
myself to the coldness of strangers,  
nor to the shifting & wandering of this  
Arab life.

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Ammis I have not learned to know  
your handwriting, yet, nor Marys, nor  
Joannis they are so constantly chang-  
ing, you use the pen better than  
formerly, but there is still room  
for improvement, I do not like  
this pinched printed style with heavy  
pendulumlike markings upon the t's, & d's, &  
y's, It is the painful, pinched, pincered  
system of very exact maidens bred in the far  
west, I hope you will endeavor to  
acquire a more sloping, flowing

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