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Yosemite Valley
May 12 1872.

Dear Mrs Carr, The plants from Mrs
Yelverton wh you kindly forwarded, are
here, I have been writing a dozen
letters but my pen slips wholly
frictionless only to a few.

I wish you here in this morning
beauty, away from & out of your
hard-earned cares, glorious light
fills our bath gorge today & you
would speedily melt in the Godful
flux.

It is the time of leaves, &
they are falling from the sun
covering all the meadows & trees
flake by flake like a bounteous
grace of snow. Clouds of plant-
color. They are a revelation - a
thus - earth - the Lord of color, given
in songs of summer leaves
off from the Whirling sun.

I know how intensely

my studies have increasing remnants of truth & I will seek to be true to them
although all the world of the world of beauty beside these mountains, burn & nebulize back to
later smoke

You love this purple & yellow,
& green - these warm sunsongs
of color, but I must edge in
a kind word for ice, Glaciers
are paper manufacturers & they
prepped these mountains & made
the meadowy sheets on wh this
leaf music is written

Are you planning for
our mountain better land

I was on Clouds Peak yesterday
& enjoyed a very vigorous snow-
storm. Did you not hear a shout?
Three Avalanches of ice & snow started
from the summit of Clouds Peak ridge
one after the other in glorious
gestures & boomings. I was within
a few yards of them.

It will probably be late in June
before we can get out among
the summits - Snow is very abundant -

Arvada & Vernal & the strip
of glory between were in great
of spirit - life when I passed
yesterday. My love to all,

John Muir

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