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She appreciates your friendship very keenly  
& I am glad to think you will soon know  
each other better. Her little Cassie (Gertrude)  
is as pure a piece of sunshine as ever was  
condensed to human form.

Hoping that she will be able to come here  
to the mountain water for perfect healing &  
that you will also find leisure for the satisfying  
of your thirst for beauty. I remain ever

My love to all the boys } Your friend  
John Muir

#66 Yosemite Valley  
July 27<sup>th</sup> 1872

Dear Mrs Carr,

I want to see  
you, I want to speak about  
my studies which are growing broad-  
er & broader & spreading away to  
all countries without any clear  
horizon anywhere.

I will go over all this  
Yosemite region this fall & write  
it up in some form or other.  
Will you be here to accompany me  
in my easier excursions.

I have a good horse for you  
& will get a tent & plenty  
of meal & tea. & you will  
keep house in very old  
style & you can bring whom  
you please.

I've had a very noble time  
with Gray who though broad-

thruended by Wetch<sup>2</sup> gave  
most of his time to me.

I was sorry that his time was  
so meanly measured & bounded,  
he is a most cordial lover of  
purity & truth but the angular  
factiness of his pursuits have  
kept him at too cold a distance  
from the spirit world.

I know that Mrs Moore  
has given you ice in abundance  
though even Yosemite glaciers  
might melt in the warmth  
of her laughter & sunshine.  
She handles glacier  
periods like an Agassiz  
& has discovered a  
Wetch Hetero-period that is  
her own.

Soul - you believe all she  
tells you about the walk  
& the dark & the dust of  
Indian Canons.

I want to get Doyl's  
address.

I will begin my long  
mountain excursions soon  
for the snow is mostly  
gone from the high meadows  
I have been guiding a few  
parties & will take a few  
more if they are of the  
right kind, but I want  
my mind kept free & sensitive  
to all influences excepting  
human business.

I have ten horses  
but another man takes  
charge of them & I am  
all free.

I need a talk with you  
more than ever before.

Mrs Hutchings is always  
kind to me, & the clearness of  
her views on all spiritual  
things is very extraordinary.

[Original letter in mounted set of letters to Mrs. Carr, #66]

Yosemite Valley, July 27th, 1872.

Dear Mrs. Carr:

I want to see you. I want to speak about my studies which are growing broader and broader and spreading away to all countries without any clear horizon anywhere.

I will go over all this Yosemite region this fall and write it up in some form or other. Will you be here to accompany me in my easier excursions? I have a good horse for you and will get a tent and plenty of meal and tea, and you will keep house in very old style, and you can bring whom you please.

I've had a very noble time with Gray, who though brooded and breaded by Hutch[ings] gave most of his time to me. I was sorry that his time was so meanly measured and bounded. He is a most cordial lover of purity and truth, but the angular factiness of his pursuits have kept him at too cold a distance from the spirit world.

I know that Mrs. Moore has given you ice in abundance, though even Yosemite glaciers might melt in the warmth of her laughter and sunshine. She handles glacial periods like an Agassiz and has discovered a Hetch Hetchy period that is her own. Don't you believe all she tells you about the walk and the dark and the dust of Indian Cañon.

I want to get Daggett's address.

I will begin my long mountain excursions soon, for the snow is mostly gone from the high meadows. I have been guiding a few parties, and will take a few more if they are of the right kind, but I want my mind kept free and sensitive to all influences excepting human business.

I have ten horses, but another man takes charge of them, and I am all free.

I need to talk with you more than ever before.

Mrs. Hutchings is always kind to me, and the clearness of her views on all spiritual things is very extraordinary. She appreciates your friendship very keenly, and I am glad to think you will soon know each other better. Her little Cosie (Gertrude) is as pure a piece of sunbeam as ever was condensed to human form.

Hoping that Ned will be able to come here to the mountain waters for perfect healing and that you will also find leisure for the satisfying of your thirst for beauty, I remain,

Ever your friend,

John Muir

My love to Dr. and all the boys.