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**Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to [John Muir], 1905 Aug 7.**

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I dreamed about them  
last night and thought  
they were here with us  
and that you were soon  
coming too so that you  
could all go home to-  
gether and I thought  
you were all going to  
stay all the fall with  
us; and when I awoke  
I wished at night (come  
to pass,

Walter joins me in  
sincere love and sympathy  
Yours most affectionately  
James

Port-Norfolk Va

Aug. 7. 1905-

Dear Brother John

It is with a  
very heavy heart - that I  
attempt to write this  
morning for I know that  
I shall not be able to  
express to you what I  
feel for you and the girls  
and my words will seem  
after all, like very empty

things

Walter and our girls  
came so very near being  
in the same position, last  
winter, that you are at  
this time, that we all  
feel that we can fully  
realize what you are  
going through now, and  
we are all in deepest  
sympathy.

I do hope that Uncle  
has been able to come

to you to help comfort  
the girls with her sweet  
motherly love, Poor Maggie  
would do so much if  
she were only able.

Please tell Grandpa  
and Helen that every  
love goes out to them  
in deepest sympathy  
and I would take them  
in my arms if I only  
could. I wish they  
and you could come  
and see ~~the~~ us some-  
time when it becomes  
possible. Tell them