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## Letter from Mrs. E. J. Mc Henry to John Muir, 1907 Jul 24.

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To John Muir

On July 24, 1907, having just arrived,  
weary and travel worn, from the Sierras  
and Yosemite Valley, he said to me,  
"Oh, what air! I felt as if I had got  
home."  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Berkeley Gazette)

High up on the Merced River,  
Lway from the haunts of men,  
To breathe the purest mountain air  
His tall form climbed again.  
Long years before, he wandered o'er,  
With his friend of early days,  
Ere one with brush and one with pen,  
Each went his separate ways,  
To fix for aye on the souls of men  
Wherever they have been,  
All pure and fresh from the hands of God,  
Each grand primordial scene.  
When he stood alone on the mountain top,  
Did he look to the setting sun,  
And hope to hear, when he work was o'er,  
His Saviour's words, "well done"?  
For we said to him, "You ought to rest,"  
He said, with a kindling eye,  
"No, I must work." ("While it is day")  
"We can all rest, by and by."

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