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[Jan. '02]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Adams:

My big thanks for your letters and the sonnet, song and hymn. Some of the hymns recall my dear departed Mrs. Jackson. It is hard to realize we have never met in the flesh. Your letters tell so much, surely now that we are on the same side of the continent we must meet face [to] face ere long and take some walks together, and why not in a day or two. For tomorrow evening I must start out for the Grand Colorado Cañon to see it in its winter garb, and we shall meet on its rim if you start when you receive this. Take the Santa Fe R. R. to Williams, and a branch R. R. to the Cañon. The trip is easy. The air on the high Arizona plateau (about 7000 ft.) is cool now, but it is pure and dry, good for everybody, old and young, sick or well. And you go all the way by rail to a so-called comfortable hotel. Do come. It will be delightful.

Nature's magnificent beauty and grandeur there is unspeakable, and the landscapes there, though open and approachable, are unspeakably glorious. Some summer you must walk the noble Sierra forests, and you must also go to Alaska. A sketch of the trip, my last copy (which seems to have been saved for you) I'm sending with this.

I am glad your lines have fallen in so pleasant a place as Redlands, with its chaparraled mountains, clad in gardens and brave groves, the most beautiful, I think, of all S. Cal. In your new home Heaven bless you.

Ever faithfully yours,

J. M.