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## Letter from Helen [Muir] to [John Muir], 1908 May 22.

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Daggett, Cal. May 22-08

Dear Papa

This is a beautiful warm morning & both Nanda & I feel fine & cheerful. Last evening Nanda took her first horseback ride & felt well after it so she is going to take a short slow ride every day & get back her strength. She feels better already though she has only been on the desert a few days. It is so good to have her here. She cannot learn to be absolutely care-free & content with living in a simple desert way, as I have happily learned, but I think she will come near to it before she

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leaves me, & she is just resting &  
trying to gain strength. He dives  
down too, so I can show her my  
desert & she enjoys the coloring & the  
beigness of it all.

Though it has been very windy  
the last few days, it is warm - 80°  
& 90° so my skin hasn't pained me  
any since Honda came. I have  
a fine ambitious appetite right along.

Mr Van Dyke went to San  
Bernardino for a few days, on M. 3  
yesterday, & Mary & Dick are boarding  
at Mrs Funks' just now. Haymaking  
goes on & all are busy.

How are you? Don't shut  
yourself up in the old house &  
stare on tea & dardines too long.  
I'm glad to hear that the little book  
is coming on. And how is your  
Hetch Hetchy?"

I must go now, & write  
again tomorrow.

Always lovingly yours  
Helen