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with a new change  
with a new change

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dusty trails & scanty sleep  
I'm moving all up, the whole  
swarm buzzing at 3 o'clock  
I at 4.30. 3 at 4. —

The water is delicious. cool  
& crystal clear, & the Kern  
here is a noble stream.  
You & I must make  
a trip here some of  
these days soon to come.  
We are about 6000 ft above  
sea-level. We left S. F. on the 29th  
the weather even at our own ranch  
was hot as your desert. I don't  
know yet just when I can get  
away from the 30th.

Little Kern Lake, July 2, 1905  
Darling Helen, It seems an age  
since I saw you - so many  
people & places have I seen,  
& so many my enjoyments.  
Everybody keeps asking about  
you, that's why I like them.  
But really the party is a  
fine superior lot of hale  
hearted mountain-lovers.  
We got here last evening  
& O the sight & sound of  
living water, & the low  
chanting of the wind in  
the pines. The air is  
not so delicious here as  
the dry desert air which I took  
in the early morning, but  
exhilarating in a suburban  
with slight & downy breeze.



Little Kern Lake, July 2, /08

Darling Helen. It seems an age since I saw you - so many people & places have I seen, & so many my enjoyments. Everybody keeps asking about you, that's why I like them. But really the party is a fine superior lot of hale hearty mountain-lovers. We got here last evening & O the sight & sound of living water, & the low chanting of the wind in the pines. The air is not so delicious here as the dry desert article taken in the early morning, but exhilarating in combination with sights & sounds beyond all telling. I feel fine, stand erect, & look rather bruggy, at least I feel so - in spite of the rough dusty trails & scanty sleep. 1st morning all up, the whole swarm buzzing at 3 o'clock - 2d at 4:30 - 3d at 4.

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The water is delicious, cool & crystal clear, & the Kern here is a noble stream. You & I must make a trip here some of these days soon to come. We are about 6000 ft. above sea-level. We left S.F. on the 29th. The weather even at our own ranch was hot as your desert. I dont know yet just when I can get away from the mtns.

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Keep well, grow strong & you & I will see lots of the best of this world.

Lovingly,

John Muir