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## Letter from John Muir to Helen [Muir], 1908 Oct 24.

John Muir

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Home Oct. 24, 1908

darling Helen, I was beginning to worry  
for a letter. I was so glad yours today  
I wrote you all the news about the  
property a few days ago. Which you must  
have received in this. Last evening  
one of the warehouses at the wharf  
was burned, but according to the lease  
the loss will be on the Steamer  
Co. You will have to reply to  
those sad letters announcing good  
Mr Merriam's death. What a charming  
man he was. pity such men, gifts from  
God should have to grow old & leave  
us. But must all submit & hope to meet  
in a still better world when all may  
be immortal.

My! how jagged I am tonight. In  
urgent demand for a Hitch Hiking article  
from the Century Co I locked the doors  
labored late & early & finished it in a little  
over a day & a half. It's about the size  
of the Outlook article & hard to write an entirely  
new one without much repeating.

The good muscats were from the Red Vineyard  
I must get you some more. Wanda's boy kept  
her & Tom up all last night. best is better. Kindest  
regards to the Judge & all the others. I love my darling to them

Ever  
thine  
John Merriam