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## Letter from John Muir to Katharine H[ooker], 1911 Aug 10.

John Muir

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with you, skimming across  
the continent would seem  
only a mere street ride.  
But I start tomorrow  
morning for the great hot  
river I've been waiting so  
long to see, and alone as  
usual though plucky loving  
darling Helen wrote anxiously  
begging me to take her husband  
with me as she couldn't bear  
to leave me go alone. Of  
course I couldn't let her sacrific  
fine her own young life for  
mine. Got Yosemite book  
done this eve. Through for  
a month I've been at work  
by 5. Good by. Remember me  
to all who love you.  
Affectionately yours.  
John Muir

N. J. Aug. 10, 1911

My dear friend Katharine H.  
I hope that in this reaches  
you you & Marian will  
be in the pines with  
your brother breathing  
their strength and peace  
and pure fountain love.  
I know by your last  
letter that you need  
the mountains. So I  
pray you, anywhere in  
the Sierra sugar pine  
woods, or a little higher  
in the balsam firs. Oh  
dear! how glad I'd be to go