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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 see me go alone. Of
course I couldn't let her sacrifice
her own young life for
mine. Got Yosemite book
done this eve. Through you
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 ere 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. Go 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