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Near and Dear Friend –

Think not hard of me for parting with you in Such a
manner Last night i thought to see you again but
i feel this morning as if it was Better for me to Die
than to Live and if i Should See you i Should only [smudged out]
hurt your feeling. So i Bid you Farewell with Aching
Aching heart remember me while you tary on this
Earth

_____ your Son _____ Mark Fernald

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