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Short Tract

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My Dearest Will,

Please don't
blame me or feel bad because
I haven't come with Sammie
today, I can hardly resist the
temptation to come to you,
but I must not indulge myself
for I know it is best for me
to stay where I am for a while
yet, But oh! how I do long to
see you & some times I feel as if
I can not endure the separation
I know you think that because
I leave you & remain away as
long as I do, that the separation
is not as hard for me to bear
as for you. but I believe you

are not more lonely than I am & if I am dear Will forgive
without you. But I shall not me, you are not in my position
remain away very long; our & cannot understand my
folks are ordering to Short-Bast feelings, but if there is any
again soon & I will come with thing that is, gall & provocation
them, I hope the time will to my nature it is being where
soon come when we shall I am not wanted, I cannot
not be separated even for a day bear it & if it were not for
Until then we must make the my great love for you I would
best of every thing. I would come not remain in that house
to see you to day & return with a single hour, I want to
Sammie if it was convenient. hear from you so much my
I dread coming back where I am own dear Will if you have not
~~for~~ ~~my~~ welcome. I would ~~never~~ already written to me please
come to that house again if it send me a line by Sammie,
were not for you, I know it & will you please to get my old
is my duty to be with you. dark blue sapphire which hangs in
perhaps I am doing wrong the closet. & send it, there is a