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Brighton Dec<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>

My Beloved Brother

I hope and trust  
you will faithfully keep  
your promise in ~~returning~~  
to me these days before  
Xmas day, it really  
will break my heart  
if I don't eat my few  
olives with you  
& my ~~company~~ than  
to stay a few days  
if you possibly can

Your stay was always here  
or short that it was  
afforded to me as if  
you were during the  
my moments after  
you arrived - I started  
to say & it seemed  
delightfully  
yours  
Edward