

The world was every to you by most kind beloved friend how truly & sincerely I enter  
 into your feelings and how warmly I share in your distress; it is in such moments that  
 we cannot help lamenting the situation in which we are placed & it is truly for  
 me ever offering myself when the situation of a sincere friend would at least  
 endeavor to soften affliction. But I feel that I trust you cannot doubt & indeed  
 had I followed the impulse of my heart I should instantly have written to you; but  
 Providence would not allow it till now when I am free from the troublesome  
 in trespassing with these few lines; still if you should see me I trust you &  
 by some kind words you will revive this as I mention it, you will not think  
 of answering me but you will accept of my affection and believe that however  
 unexpressed my heart has not felt the loss and that we may have you ever dear than  
 I do. The present moment has not admit of reasoning on your sense of long affliction  
 wonderful need doubt indeed in the way of Providence and unless we were convinced  
 that he is for the worse some more proper time used as rather up an mind  
 to some affliction which has been unexpressed; such has it appear in your case but  
 I know the father of your mind and you will say have but wait to the wt.  
 must for the sake of your kind husband and dear children; their affliction  
 remains & had that been with long resigned as perhaps this life would have  
 been that of arising from a continuation of the health; and remember that the  
 Almighty has not afflict us without giving us strength of mind to support his decree  
 - By no way thing must kind to have been so of course the fully share in it  
 I have said; do not think of answering me, only believe how my heart stands  
 for you till and have unalterably I am your affectionate & attached  
 friend

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