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To Miss Katharine Matunuck Pt  
P. Bowditch May 30. 1896

My Katharine.

I had such a glorious Rainbow here all to myself last evening. I want to tell you about it right off. I was thinking about you when it happened, so you see you came with it. It began up behind the little back of Matlocks and stretched over the Salt Pond, and Browns, and "Hedgeallow" which is now a mass of apple blossoms, and full Hogsback, and came down behind Tally, and came down behind Tumbledown, but not out the ocean for it stretched on to the sea. I saw the water-tints through the shaded colours of the Rainbow, and all that landscape painted there & sparkly with the recent rain was exquisite. It lasted quite half an hour I am sure, growing more and more intense;

The Doctor Young is gone. He come along during the Rainbow I has my umbrella and we conversed about it - said (to myself) "Well, the people in the village have said see it." "Yes, that do," said he by answering. "And we have no certain of when com' in, a few previous to then." "I meant it to tell if we has mention." I must tell Mac & Notty.

You shall find just as much interesting as I do — Kathie is a match, & has written me a letter & other papers all here & there. By the information so strong and lucid who sent it, Dr. Longfellow who comes to see her often visiting it through Boston, without any amendment, thus wrote till me, that Mrs. Longfellow has become suddenly lame. So I despaired more for the poor myself, but the rainy weather is no shock. Philo was true to us, but of course he soon left us again. He was delightful, & remained an object to me a long time, and had a home more. Longfellow was true & then chose to take another a destination. But you will see him soon I hear all about it. Good-bye.

It was raining, the rain, and more rain in the middle  
of the road, all flying and flying, and falling, up up.  
The sun went higher and higher as the sun set and  
set, until it all melted into those clouds and  
steps — and I came in alongside the pier.  
What had been thinking was that all our long-for party,  
(but the think as) at the instant time of that, disappeared  
was forced and compelled, even at the time. To come so fast  
in some relay, and the some to return at the ~~middle~~ instant,  
~~that~~ or ~~they~~ or ~~they~~ or ~~they~~ or ~~they~~ or ~~they~~ or ~~they~~  
distance ~~Scapa~~ Scapa is dinner, it was ~~not~~ hard to make  
that now ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~  
just now about ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~  
should mount ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~  
back ~~Scapa~~ off my ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~ ~~Scapa~~

with the outer reflected, reflected,  
now, distinct in very heat though  
fainter. It was a long long  
while it was a sign that  
things were going to the better with us.  
The pack shut it off partly, so  
I got a kitchen chair there was  
in the best parlour and late,  
(with a cape on) out in the drive  
by, just in front of the house, to  
watch it. Swallows were circling  
round, and two hopped up after  
it, the ash, and made me think  
of Hawk's song, isn't it? /  
Ach, Voglein, du hast dich betrogen  
Sei ~~w~~ohnet nicht mehr in Thal  
Schwing' auf dich zum Himmelsgogen  
Grüss' sie dozen zum letzten Mal.  
Just then Louise came along with  
my supper on the little p. m tea table:-  
"Where are you?" "Out here!" I cried  
and she put it down in front of me  
and she put it down in front of me  
table & all, dropped Guinea-hens Eggs  
on toast and little new Radishes.