

Monday Evening,

My dear Emma,

I regret very much indeed that I shall be obliged to leave town without seeing you again. I would have called Saturday, but it was impossible, for I was so much fatigued with walking the day before that I could not go out. I was so lame also that I could not walk. I intended certainly to see you to-day, but I have been engaged in making preparations to leave in the evening. I do wish to see you my dear friend and I can scarcely be reconciled to go and leave you so soon. Eliza and Louisa will not listen to any objections I can make for returning to Walsden with them, and I am

pleased to go, it will be altogether
I know, and the only person I should
I have no three, that I can call
be truly be without me, and that
I cannot see you now until three or
four weeks' more have elapsed. At
no other manner he remains at
Bristol longer than three weeks,
and I should not be surprised if I
did not return in four weeks, but
certainly I shall not be absent
longer than four weeks, and at
least not I do return my first visit
shall be to you. If you come down
within half of the city, I will
you would call and see them.
You must not write home while I
am absent; direct to Bristol,
Orange County, and you would
and in answer to this.

Yours affectionately

Edgar Allan Poe

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