

My dear Ben

I am quite rejoiced
to hear from you once more &
have the pleasure of informing
that I am well both in mind &
body and wish you were down
here by my side in Henry's room
where I am drawing. You made
a mistake when you wrote
sorrowful evening, it was not
the evening but the day after

that was so very awful, but it is
all over now and as usual I
have made a resolution never
to be so troubled about a trifling
thing again. But you will
know how my inclination to
exhaust a great deal of feeling
upon unworthy subjects, and
I lament this fault I can only
say I can't help it, for I do
believe it is incurable, & at
the same time it is very foolish.
I acknowledge. I never knew
until lately how much it
could affect my serenity. How

could you mention such
would do to any one for
although I am willing you
should know my folly I don't
wish any one else to possess
such misfortune. I shall
be at home to-morrow &
I wish you would come this
afternoon I stay all night and
we will walk on the Battery in
the morning after breakfast, it
was lovely there this morning.
Mamma & I took a long walk
there. Do do do do do come
after dinner to day. Papa has

gone & it is quite lonely. Mrs. Wood
sings at the Oratorio to-morrow
evening don't you wish our
beaux would take us? You could
go and hear her at an Oratorio.
I am glad you had a pleasant
evening last evening. I shall
expect you after dinner. Yours
Eliza.

Miss Emma Nichols