

Glenwood.

June 12 1871

My very dear Husband.

Knowing your  
desire to receive a few lines from  
me I improve this time for writing  
I have but one subject to write on  
that is ~~my~~ your kindness to me and  
my love for you in return\_

It is about seven years since  
we first met and four since the  
nearest tie on earth was made between  
us.<sup>1</sup> You have always been just what  
you appeared to be, but for the last  
two years you have been more tender  
-thoughtful than before-

I notice your attention to my wants  
your interest in my welfare & your desire  
to make me happy in nearly every  
thing you do and say

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<sup>1</sup> Lewis & Lucy were married April 30, 1867.

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I love you. yes I do. I <sup>may</sup> fail to  
demonstrate this indeed I am aware  
I do. yet believe me I do love  
admire almost adore you.  
I can't bear to think of being left  
here on earth without you or  
what more likely & equally as trying  
to leave you.

May God who made & loves us  
all watch over us spare us  
to each other many years &  
in death see fit not to  
seperate [*sic*] us.

yours very affectionately

Lucy