

You must forgive me Mary but I must
tell you that you are very dear to me,
I love you and always shall, while
you cannot return it or trust yourself
to a poor man like me. but I beg of
you remember my love to you, think
this matter over Mary, and perhaps you
may find it possible some day to
return my love. I have been acquainted
with many Girls but I have seen none
that I think I could love as I do you
I have wanted to speak to you on the
subject before but have not had the right
opportunity but have thought of you a great
deal. you know Mary that I am poor
but as soon as I can I am going west
to secure me a home, and when I
get established you are the one of all
others that I would wish to be queen
of that home. forgive me Mary if I
have offended you. Meanwhile remember
you have the undying love of one that has

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Always tried to be honest. If you could
give me one word of encouragement
I could work for you and be happy