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Nell dear:

I am all unworthy of that magnificent coat, made for a faraway Princess and filled with the aura of your lovely way of wearing! This is indeed a garment out of a fairy tale, all exquisite in form and color and filled with the wonder of a thousand moonlit nights. I shall treasure it and try to keep its tradition intact, its dignity unimpaired, its gaiety and its sadness measured one against the other, in an infinity of rare moments in time and place. Thank you so much and so many times over for passing this mantle on to me.... I am deeply moved and endlessly grateful to you for this part of yourself. Let us meet early in the new year, so that I can attempt to tell you of the thankfulness I feel.

With love always,

Frederic