

me. You must run the West Branch  
your way and I must make for you  
somewhere a "hide-out" - so that when  
it gets too much for even you -  
then you can fly to my arms.

It all would have sounded like the  
end of our marriage a few weeks  
ago - but now it looks like the beginning  
of our true marriage. I can always  
see you happily flying around from  
one thing to another - from one person  
to another. with all the balls in the  
air and you cleverly dodging and  
returning - sweating and working  
at it for all you are worth.

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the home - for isn't our true home somewhere  
in the eternal boundary of the mind?

Isn't our marriage a marriage of the  
mind, or soul? From that blessed  
branch we are one - and bear green leaves  
and bright berries. But as to "ways and  
means" of making a house work for  
the comfort and joy of those who live  
and those who visit therein - also  
those who work therein or thereabouts -  
well on that subject I think we  
are and ever will be worlds apart.  
The tie that binds us is a spiritual one - the  
one that separates us is a material

You can see me in my poet's corner - on  
my desk room - or under God's skies -  
and be happy that I am not the one you are  
playing against - but your "other half" which  
seeks a quiet corner. I am not so young as you  
John dearest. And I am a woman. Women are quiet  
when they are happy - an inner happiness.

Should I mind this? It is so easy to be  
misunderstood on paper. But then it is even more  
easy to be misunderstood in the heat of arguments.  
They never help - we need light and not heat.  
The heat - is the warmth of our love. I think about what  
I have said just as if I had my head on your  
shoulder and we were talking quietly and  
happily - talking about the happy times we  
have had to gether - and all the bitter-sweet  
experiences we have shared. It is not that I want  
to take only the sweet out of life - but I do want  
to save the sweet. After I come back from  
Florida. Let's run away for a little while. I'd rather  
you ran the W.B. to suit yourself - then we can laugh  
over it. Bless you John dearest - we will solve this  
in our own Johnell fashion -  
Ever your faithful one.