

4. I know that This way is nourish ment
and health to my soul — also for
jangled nerves — for fears and
confusion that surround our days
and nights. These days are green
growing days with laughing children
and hill skies — stars and
wood-smoke — and poems. all
the poetry of our relationship is
returning — all is beauty & shining
eyes. Yes, in spite of the fact that
you do not ever find a day to
come. John my darling John

I will make our plans with you
by telephone — it is the only way.
If you plan to go to Mackinac — I
will come to N.Y. I guess — the details
as to suitable clothes ect — we will
have to work out. They say it is apt to
be quite cold there. God bless you dearest
and help you to see first things first —
Ever thine M.

Dearest Dearest Dearest

To-day has been one of those premature
Fall days — with such an ache of beauty in
it that you could hardly bear it. Not a
leaf has turned — yet in the heart of
all leaves must have come the knowledge
of frost that would touch them soon. How
are such intangibles felt in the air? My
heart told me how short all Summers
are — and that I miss you darling.

How foolish your wife was — she was
so sure she could draw you here by
herself — alas, alas — she will never learn.
Everyone else comes up and down — leaving
N.Y. Friday noon — sleeping here
Friday night. It is that simple really.

How extremely fine is the fine that
each draws his reason on — and his
reasons from. You say all the reasons
you give — but the real one is that
your heart is more strongly held there.

3. I could get very discerning & except
that I know it does no good —
and I want more than anything in
all this world to do good, I want
to be a blessing to every one's life I touch
and to you especially. I like to remember the
times I have been sure — and it saddens
me to remember that there were many
times I was not. Times when you went to
work with a heavy heart — and I
stayed at home with mine. Both of us wrong.
It's no good that way — we both lose. I
know it even at the time — and
it is the cause of my unhappiness. But
Why should it make us unhappy??

We have between us more than is allotted
to many to enjoy! We have the greatest gifts.
Our task is to cherish and protect these
with our very life. That is as far as I am
clear. I know I can't take Westport Summer
and not be a wreck afterwards —

2. You feel you are fighting for the very
life of the Dorr Co — yet I must
fight also for mine. It is impossible
for me to go indefinitely without nourishment
for the inner hunger — and to hear one's
voices again. I only hope you understand.
I can never be sure — and it grieves me
to think that you think it is because
I do not love you. If you search your
heart, you must know this could not
be true. I must be strong to help you —
and not become another problem for
your clear shoulders. ^{one} The way to strengthen
you is to keep me strong. I know I
am wise in choosing to put a little
distance between me and the Dorr Co. at times.
You must be far more sure of me than you
are of it — or care more —
for you will not even run away for a
day. It was the same at Pecketto.