

My Dearest -

Thursday - Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

Well, as far as I can see from here; today will find me at Kitty's or bound for Saark. (you must forget that I am still in Mayfair now - an empty court - it is with Bet working rather dolefully at her embroidery). When this reaches your dear hands I shall not be here - and Bet will I hope not be so doleful. I think she dreads tomorrow and so do I - but tomorrow will be over when this reaches you. It is Thursday - the sea is pounding against your window - calling you to get down and take a swim. - I will probably get my first sea-bath tomorrow, climbing down the path to the warm sands - gathering shells in my little basket to bring to our young Conchologist? (Bruce) - I much prefer shells to fish - that I am sure of! I'm trying to hold fast to all the things I am sure of - and to forget the rest - just "Table them" - or better still let the sea-winds blow them away! For

it is only the true things which matter. It  
seems easier to separate the true when you  
take them quietly in your own hands. The true  
ones are so beautiful that I never get tired  
looking at them - Touching - Holding -  
tenderly cherishing -

Did you sleep well? Did you feel me tucked against  
your back? Or did you say "Well, now, praise be -  
I can read as late as I please - and as early -  
which? How foolish we are - how awfully foolish  
we are made. Or is it that one does truly grow  
into one new being in marriage - is  
Johnelle stronger than John & Mee -  
yes. I know it is true - in union is our strength  
and is meant to be. But this Thursday finds  
the union very strong indeed - in fact  
there is not a weak place that I can  
find - strong, strong and beautiful -  
Johnelle - John & P. Johnelle - you can  
hardly tell where it joins, can you? Score today? Love always - H.