

Base Hospital 10th A.C.
Jones Landing Va.
Dec. 15th 1864

My Darling,

Yours of the 11th inst. has just arrived. and I hasten to answer it, as there may be no other opportunity at present. We have been expecting to move every day for a week, and shall probably move tomorrow. I am much pleased with your letters lately. Glad to find you in better spirits, and taking a greater interest in life. If you do love me more than everything else. it is not well for you to think that you cannot find any happiness, away from me. †

In regard to the furlough, if I do, get one, I shall not, very likely know of it for a certainty, till I get it, and then, I shall get there as soon as a letter would go. Besides, it would be good fun. for me, to take you by surprise, but if it is possible, I will inform you in advance. Although, you did not feel like writing, you wrote a ve[^]y acceptable letter. I hope that I may do as well under similar circumstances, but fear that it will be a failure.

I cannot write, a decent letter, lately. I am tired of it. If I could see you. we could find enough to keep "buzzing" about all night, but this writing, is a different thing entirely. I hope you will have a pleasant singing school this Winter, and hope that I may be there to go with you, before it closes. I have not heard a word from Joseph, since he was down here to see me when he first got back. If you have heard anything from him let me know it when you write again.

I am all out of sorts, for writing and am not going to try to write anything, but just to acknowledge the rec[']pt of your letters, and to tell you that I am well, and that I love you dearly. How will that suit you for a correspondence? But you must do better than that, remember. I like to read letters as well as ever.

I have got another picture to send you. You have probably, heard me speak of Billy Norton. Well this is the man. He is a first rate little fellow. He is now, Lt., W.K. Norton. This envelope, was backed, by a colored friend. of mine, Mr. Brown. A very accomplished man. if he is a nigger. He is a good scholar. Speaks Spanish, and French, perfectly. But I will close. Do not feel dissatisfied, with my poor letters, for I do love you dearly, my sweet little wife, but I can't write letters.

Your own,
Leander

P.S. For the future, till further orders, direct to Point of Rocks. Va. L.