

Amesbury
8th 10mo 1870

Dear Friend

I thank thee
very sincerely for thy
kind letter of too generous
appreciation of
my verses.

I have a faint
recollection of the poem
referred to in thy letter.
It was written when I
was a school-boy, with
quite a number of other
pieces.

So then thou art
from New England and
from a beautiful section

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of it - Sandy River
looking out upon
Mounts [Blue] & [Abersham]!
Of course, thou
understands what
a N.E. snowstorm
is.

What a grand,
benignant old face
is that of your pioneer!
Long may it be spared
to you I shall value
the picture exceeding.

If I could lay hand
on the "Misanthrope's Dream"
I fear it would be too late,
as my little book is [--]
nearly printed.

Thanking you again for thy kind letter I am

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very cordially &
truly thy fd.

John G. Whittier