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Dear Friend

The poem referred
to in thy very kind
note was written several
years ago. I am
glad, for thy sake,
that the "rose-clad
is [warm?] & [dewy?]
[about?] thee; and
hope the sweet, unspoiled
young [manuscript cut away] girl
will not understand
that in thy care "it
is "divinely seen, nestling in
Heaven's blue depth away."

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My theory in respect to
the [mosseye?] relati[?on]
is better than my practice.
I believe in it most truly
and do not claim that
my example is worthy
of imitation. I
am very truly thy
friend

John G. Whittier

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