

Oak Knoll
Danvers
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My dear Whipple,

I am always
glad to hear from thee
and I gave thy
letter a hearty welcome.
I hope when
the summer comes
thee & Mrs. W. will
run out here &
see me, for I am
admonished by
many tokens that

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"time is short", and
that I must make
the most of the present
time, and the
friends who are
left me.

I would be
happy to meet
the wonderful
violinist at thy
house. If I am
able - just now I
am suffering too much
with my head eyes
to listen with any satisfaction
to the harp of
Orpheus- I will

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try to arrange it.
I am greatly obliged
to him for thinking of
me & volunteering to
play for me.

I missed thee at
the Holmes breakfast
It was a nice tribute
I was able to
stay only an hour or two.

Give my kindest
regards to Mrs W.
and believe me
always & most
truly thy friend

John G. Whittier

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