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Tuesday Evening

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Dear William and Philinda!

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But we are fortunate here in our America with its comparative peacefulness & prosperity. I feel intensely thankful & even a bit guilty when I think of the suffering humanity elsewhere, and pray for them as I would for blood brothers and sisters. —

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go! —

Your affectionate Melody ♪