

From Paul Laurence Dunbar

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To Miss Alice Ruth Moore Brooklyn N.Y.

Washington, D.C. Mar. 23 ~~at~~ 1898.

My dear Little Wife:-

If I returned evil for evil, I should not be writing to you now for you disappointed me both yesterday and today in my expectation of a letter.

These disappointments mean, too, much more than you think.

I am coming to work every day, but am really no better than I was last week. Indeed my eyes are so bad that I fear I shall have to give up all reading & working at night for an indefinite period. This is very awkward as I have still much to do.

I am expecting every day a copy of the new book which ought to be out anyway, by the last of this week. I had a little book from my friend Mr. Fisher of Hoboken, yesterday and I am anxious for

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Forth from Dixie so that I can
send him one.

I was very blue all day yes-
terday on account of an ugly
dream I had about you the night
before. Alice, dear, if you were
ever unfaithful to me, it would
kill me. I can conceive you,
careless, blind, unthinking, but
unfaithful - it would be awful.

I love you very much, darling -
if more calmly, at least not
less deeply than before. My
love has become an island in
my life and all outside of it is
beach.

You have not sent your bunch
of pictures to be framed. I want
to have all the framing done at
once and so perhaps receive
reason rates rates.

Write to me soon, dear,
& believe me ever
your devoted husband -
Paul

To Mrs. Alice Hunter.

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