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and Pa Leah and Hamel and Catharine and
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Little Childrin for me and if we never
meat on earth eney more try to meet
in haven your affectinet husband
untell Death John. F. Davenport

But when the drum awaikes me
The beet for revelee
I am sadly disapointed
I can but look for thee

I take my post on deauty
Whear ever it comes to hand
In protection of my mary
And my dear native land

And sence it is my forchen
A solger now to be
Do try and live contented
And do not grieve for me

Oh fair you well my mary
oh fair you well my dear
Do not morn for my long absence
While I am A volentear

John. F. Davenport to his Wife
Mary. Jane. Davenport

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John F. Davenport

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but when the dream awakes me
The beet for revelee
I am sadly disappointed
I can but look for thee

I take my post on deauty
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