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[first pass HF]

years, Oh! my friends what is life. it

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seems a wild dream — O, how I would

like to See you for a few days &

[top upside down] kind love to all your family & all friend

talk our cold hearts warm agin

we have been barid[...] to each other

in we have any in your place, EverMary & Elisabeth I think it was

for years — will I will lend you

Elisabeth but I can not remember

my Photograph that all you can

but it was the Baby which was

have of us all present I would be

born in the old Fort the furst gril

happy to lend David two but

in Salt Lake — when his mother

we have none at present that is

come to see me & of corse brought

good this is a new place & there is

hir leeving the baby I had to put

no artist or place of the kind & we

my watter bucket out of the way and

do not know yet weather we shall Stay

dish rag too or She mad a fine busness[...]

here more then this Summer our home

for me, well, well — She is marred

has been in Carson for the last Six years

Oh! how time passes on — & how

we only rent here the last few years

old times comes over me as I write

busness got dull there — but it is not

yes! life turns back upon its barid[...]

much better here, it is about So everywhere

ill I must quit for the present Jane our

[left side] as ever your Sincere friend David &  
I[blotted out]bella Wilkins