

My Sister

Does it still afford you pleasure to hear from your absent  
brother? I so may, this assure you of the perfect health of your brother  
as well as such other blessings as we can expect in this state  
of protection. The distant appears the day, that I bid you a long  
& it was a sad farewell, sad because I had stayed with you just  
long enough to get acquainted, & now when I think of the many favours  
& kind offices bestowed on me I could weep like a child and say  
how much more effort there is to be taken at home, than there is  
on board of a ship. Little did I think that more than years had  
to pass away ere I should hear of the well fare of all that I  
concerned with living for in this world with one exception, all that  
I ever loved, is out of sight & hearing, & did I think that I had  
not a letter somewhere on Old Ocean's bosom I would dry my face  
for ever unless I took it to bid you once more remember your  
brother

Miss Mary Norton Sister  
Miss Abby S. Davis } Bark R. Morison  
Mrs Lydia Norton } Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1851  
 } 16.28 North  
 } being underway Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1851 West  
 } 3 1/2 hours off Cape Cod  
Miss Abby S. Davis Miss Mary Norton  
Mrs Lydia Norton

Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 1852 Ship Minerva  
Lat 47. 51 Long 127. 15

Sunday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1851 On board the Bark  
Robert Morison of N.B. being nine days out  
& most awful tempest. Steerway by the  
wind to the east with fresh winds from the S

Monday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1852 On board the R. Morison  
off the East part of Matten  
— Sailed Steerway S by E with a leading wind had a strong  
South West last night with hard squalls  
but now we have a cool rain storm so ends (my fear is by  
{ I think it one year to day or more since } Lat 42. 30 Long 63. 30 W  
{ I had to walk from Boston }

Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1852  
Gave 24 hours at noon  
moderate North wind & fair weather steering  
to the East employed a messenger and fore side  
round to the coast of Cape St. Lucas for four weeks  
being four weeks from Honolulu & I guess that  
will do for this time  
Lat 28. 03 S Long 177. 45

Sunday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1854  
Bark winds from S by E thick  
with middle & latter parts much the same working  
to the Southward bound towards home a whale  
hope to take a little company again  
This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> new years day that I have passed  
on this voyage on old ocean's bosom — & one out of  
15 I have passed on the old sea yard — Oh how  
will that period arise that I shall live with  
all that is calculated to do to our comfort & happy  
one in this life I hope soon  
Lat 28. 40 S Long 177. 45