

Kingston Sagall Sept 18th 1848

My Dear Beloved Wife
It is but a short time
since we parted but it has been a year.
Sorrow I cannot sleep nights and my mind

is continually wandering after you. I can
hardly speak your name without betray-
ing myself if my heart was ever true. I
it has been by leaving you this time
so much so that if god spares my life
to return we will part no more for me
to go a whail voyage and you to be at
home if I am spared to return I shall
go no more to sea. how can I think
of leaving one that is so dear and loves
me so well what would I not give
to be down to your Mothers (god bless her)
gate walking up with you and seeing
the life in the window waiting our return
but it must be two years at least
before that can happen but put your
trust in god he can deal with us as
he pleases pray to him for my safety and
speedy return god is able to hold us up in
times of trials and to comfort us in
hours of sorrow it often comes to mind
shall I ever get over those feelings that
afflict my mind I hope I shall