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James Broderick Safford

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Camp Shanker Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father

You must think by this  
time that I have forgotten you  
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up but I have a very good excuse  
Ever since early Monday morning  
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