

“A Farewell word or Parting Notice from Our Heavenly Parents to Eliza Sharp January 7th 1842

Father James's Word.

Stop stop! Don't go so fast this morning just stop a moment and read this the last and parting word of your Heavenly Parents to you.

When you read this remember it was written by the hand of your beloved Father James.

But I fear I shall not have a chance to say any thing to you again. So receive with this my everlasting love and richest blessing.

Mother's Word.

O come says Mother Ann,
Thou worthy child of mine,
Come gather near to me,
And hear for the last time,
My parting kind address,
My last word unto thee,
Untill [sic] we meet again,
In a sweet Eternity.

O yea, my beloved child hearken to this my last word unto thee. For lo! the time is near, when we must all be called to leave you. But remember I shall never leave you forsaken; for through crosses and trials, tribulation and sorrow, you have never forsaken me your Mother, neither have you denied my name, nor my gospel.

But many are the times that I have viewed you, with pleasing delight, in the midst of back sliders and reprobates, who sought not the honour and glory of my gospel. Yea, I say beloved, thro these days of thick darkness I have seen thee stand fast and maintain [sic] thy integrity.

And know all the crosses and trials that you have encountered in various ways to maintain the gospel in its purity, has not passed unnoticed by me at any stage of your past life.

And oft are the times that the Angels of Tidings have wafted to the Throne of Holy Wisdom glad tidings and pleasant news concerning thee.

And as a reward for thy faithfulness Holy Mother has prepared A Choice Pearl and on this she has set 12 stars of astonishing beauty. And the Savior has printed thy name in letters of gold.

Holy Mother has placed on thy head, with the love and blessing of the Saviour, as a reward of true faithfulness.

But listen again to my word O my beloved child. I will leave with you an Angel of Care, that shall bear on its peaceful [sic] wings comfort and consolation from my Heavenly abode, to cheer your spirit and comfort your soul on your journey thro this dark vale of time.

I will also put about thy neck a Gold Necklace, which was given me by the Holy Angel of Wisdom. Keep this dear child for in time to come it will be of great use to thee, and a treasure highly prized.

But Father William has come with a Gold Bracelet for thee to bind upon thy lame wrist. The band is of fine linin enterwoven [sic] with gold thread and lined with fur; and the clasp is of beaten gold. This is from Father William. And he has printed his own name instead of yours upon the clasp, for fear you will forget him; and say he receive this as a token of my love and remembrance and do not forget me.

Father William.

I have a present says Father James. It is a Gold Ball, this you can open and it will be Two Gold Bowls. One is filled with **Manna** and the other with Honey. Don't be stingy of this sweet bit from Me Father James. And says Father Joseph I have a present too; it is a Cluster of fine Grapes and a Box of Raisins: this I present to Eliza Mother's dutiful child with my love and blessing says Father Joseph.

And here says Elder br. John is my present. Do just look and see this Gold Cage of Birds. Surely I will give it to Eliza, for she is a good hand to feed and take care of them, and she will not forget and neglect them.

And Father David has given me a Decanter of fine Wine and a Gold drinking cup for her, and I think this will please her. From Elder Br. John.

See says Mother Lucy, I shall give this to Eliza. It is a purple satin Mantle embroidered with needle work. I have never worn it myself, since Holy Mother gave it to me, for I have laid it by to give to some good child. And more over Mother Ruth has given me for her a pair of Silver Shoes and a pair of White Silk Gloves on which is pictured the Prophets Jonah, Joel & Zephaniah. I am sure a notice from Mother Ruth will be acceptable for Eliza has ever been a good child and she has dearly loved and ever honoured her Father and Mother and surely they love her, says Mother Lucy.

But says Elder S. Olive Here is a large glass containing some flowers, gathered from the garden of Heaven; and the water they are in I dipped this morning from the Pool of Eternal Life. And here's is a silver plate with a large Sweet cake upon it that was baked to day.

O yea, says Mother Ann; all these lovely presents Dear child have been gathered by thy Heavenly Parents on purpose for thee.

Receive them a reward for thy already well proved obedience, zeal & integrity also to encourage thee to press on in well doing my worthy and dutiful well beloved little child.

O my little one, tho' this is the last and parting word of your Mother, get rest assured, I shall never forsake nor forget you. But when I see you in trouble, I will draw near, I will hear your cries as I have done and I will be your Mother, as I have been in times that are passed by.

Gather to your visible Lead, take courage, and persevere in Well doing. And know you are owned loved and blessed of me your Mother Ann.

So receive with this the never ending blessing, and ever increasing Love of,
Mother Ann.

Father William.
Father James.
Father Joseph.
Mother Lucy.
Elder Br John.
and Elder Sister Oive.

And now beloved child in peace love and blessing we bid thee a long and loving farewell.

From Mother Ann
To Eliza Sharp.”