

# Letter to Robert M. Livingstone

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My Dear Robert

Here is a little letter  
for yourself. I am writing it  
in the house in which you  
and I lived when we were  
all at the Cape. Do you rem-  
ember the last time I saw  
you when you were looking  
out of the window of  
the ship and I was sailing  
away from you in the  
boat. You went away  
with Mamma to England

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and I hope Jesus has taken  
you safely all the way to  
England. I don 't know  
yet but you must  
write me a letter and  
tell me. I am very sorry.  
I shall not see you again  
you know I loved you  
very much. I like or  
love you still. Do you  
love me? Do you remember  
me sometimes? ou may  
remember me but you  
need not call me your  
Papa any more. Jesus

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is your Papa. ou must  
take him for your papa .  
He is always near you and  
he loves you. Jesus lent  
you to me and now when  
I part with you for at

least many long years.  
I have given you back  
to him again. Love him  
for you belong to him  
you don't belong to the  
Devil or to the world .  
You must be on his side  
never be ashamed of him  
or of his people or of

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kingdom. Love and speak  
kindly to Mamma and  
Agnes and Thomas Steele  
and Zouga. Never  
vex or be naughty to  
any of them - for Jesus  
who died that your  
sins might be forgiven  
does not like naughtiness .

I shall soon leave  
Cape Town and go away  
back to Sebitoane's  
country. Goodbye .

D. Livingston