

Letter to Robert M. Livingstone, 18 May 1852

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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 dont 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? you may
remember me but you
need not call me your
Papa any more. Jesus

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is your Papa. you 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