

Before marriage
1875

Friday

My dearest,

I wont call you
B - any more if you will
chaff me about it all
the time, & then you secretly
will be sorry, for it is such
a sweet little name

It is perhaps best for you
to stay with your mother
for I dare say she will feel
a little as if this were the
last opportunity to have
you all to ~~herself~~, & you
will have many other
chances of devoting yourself
to someone ^{me} else - However
but you sh^d be ^{mind} of

I did not tell you, I can
to go to Kingsley by the
morning train 7. A. M.
as Sophie says the other is too
late for them to meet me.
There ^{is} here is a dilemma
mother on one side; I Anna
on the other, but as I have
heard, a wise man in the
same case, decided to stand
by his mother, as he might
find another love, but
never another mother.

I won't be vexed if I
don't see you dear heart,
only if not, you must write
to me directly, for it seems
long since we had any quiet
talk. I shall need a
very great many comforting
words to make me take
at all a cheerful view of
having to leave my dear home.
I can't help thinking of

sometimes news that the days are numberless
& then — well if days seem rather
dreary — see my old life to be taken from
me at once — & at once the substituted
which however happily it may prove is ac-
crued — But — that is enough — take
good care of my dear B — if all is well
I shall be back very soon — My heart
rather fails me now, cheer — going as
but I suppose I must —

Travelling dear —
Yours ever
Anna