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Emma Heb to
Nora

Tells of a terrible
storm

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Miss Nora Crockett

Dear friend

I was so glad to get your letter but I
cannot write you a very long letter this
time but I am glad that I have the
strength to day to write to you if it
is only a short letter. ever since I
wrote to you to last I have been
suffering with neuralgia & the pains
seem to trouble my heart this time
I have not been able to sit up until
yesterday and to day I can not sit up in
my bed by being propped by my
pillows but I am gaining strength
and I think with good nursing I
shall be able soon to leave my room.
It is raining here to day it rained
two days last week and two days
this week I get so tired of seeing it

rain when the Sunshine is closed
out of a sick hour it seems
so lonely we have considerable of rain
in Southern Iowa this Summer
but no storms to amount to any
thing until three weeks ago we had a
storm that done a great deal of don
damage the corn and wheat were
entirely destroyed in places. stock
were killed. houses were unroofed and
blown down several were struck with
lightning and burned to the ~~ground~~
down a large mill near us was
struck by lightning and burned we
were lucky it did not damage us
much only our crops the ~~harvest~~ north
of the storm did not reach us
Now I do not think you would
like to have been out in that storm
The most of our neighbors left their
houses and went to their caves
~~and~~ many thanks for your picture
There was a vacant place in my

album it fills so nicely I think
The verse you sent me is so
nice and I trust that we have come
to love each other already
Your friend Emma Well