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Emma Mel to  
Nora

Tells of a terrible  
storm

Palmyra August <sup>the</sup> 20. 1854  
Miss Nora Crockett

Dear friend  
I was so glad to get your letter but I  
can not 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 sit up in  
my bed by being brace'd 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 room 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 dan-  
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~~ works  
of the storm did not reach us  
Nora 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 fill 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  
Emmie Webb