

## 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