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My dear George

It was very kind of  
you and Mrs Fitz Gerald  
to write at this sorrowful  
time. It is indeed hard  
to bear these blows. I  
had begun to hope we might  
rest content with things  
well arranged and going  
as well with us as we  
might wish - when this  
bolt out of the blue fell  
It is indeed a great

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grief to us - the boy  
was so much in our  
thoughts - in our memories  
and our hopes and we  
were so few and so  
much to each other.

But indeed I know you  
feel how it is with us

Lucy joins me in thanking  
Mrs Jtz Gerald for her letter  
Words of sympathy like  
these do help to support us  
and to relieve the  
loneliness that we feel so  
much.

Yours faithfully  
I Brown