

gives up that fond hope I have
been bud and sick a little and
the time has passed away Give my
best love to all the family how
want to be with you awhile I
joined ~~away~~ after to get to your home
as if it were my second home
which it is dear Beattie
Hillsboro Oct 23 1859

My Dear dear Beattie

Although it

is rather a late hour and I am
somewhat of an invalid, I can
not resist the desire to write
at once and thank you for
our most affectionate letter
Dear Beattie how little do I
deserve all you said, you
were certainly deceived in
your regard to my virtues or
those which you imagined me
possess, indeed your letter
was enough to make me feel
ashamed of myself and get
made me very glad to

Give my love to Beattie, I can not say how I
but must live in hope of seeing you
for I do not get on well