

For My Dear Children
Mary Ann, Piza. Johanna,
& Julietta Thompson.

Post Paid

Patriot Square
Bethnal Green

J. Thompson
May 1, 1809

My Beloved Children!

Whose happiness is as dear to me
 as my own, and of whose generous, and
honorable minds, I entertain the strongest
 & highest hopes, absent from you I hope
 but for a short time, I commit you to
 the care of that Kind Being who has
protected me all my life thro' and pray
 that he will protect you from every
 danger, and crown you with every blessing,
 under his view you always are, which
 thought should ever influence your conduct,
 but not only so, I now call upon your
Generosity, and honors to give me proof

That my Instruction, & solicitude for your
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striving, who shall be most obedient to
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you shall give us pleasure on our return,
by your improvement & proper conduct.
I would say, that if one proposed to do
wrong, I hoped the others would reprove it,
but such is my confidence in each of you,
that I flatter myself, each will be so
anxious to be right, that no such occasion
can present itself, with every wish that
you may be wise, good, & happy.

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I am my Dear Children
y^r Affectionate Father
Sam^l Thompson

A12 Samuel Thompson writes to his children: Mary, Ann, Eliza, Johanna, and Julietta Thompson on May 1, 1809, addressed to Patriot Square, Bethnal Green (London). "Post Paid"

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