

# Dearest Sarah

Goodnight, Texas

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I'm compelled to write with aching fearful hands  
Just in case I never make it back  
I left our family weeks ago for battle-stricken lands  
And I fear I won't survive the next attack  
I fled Rhode Island willingly to join the Union force  
Understanding I may never know my boys  
But this country's strength of government is in a great divorce  
And for this I risk my life and all its joys  
Oh, Sarah, I do understand within my sacrifice  
Goes nearly every joy for you as well  
But I hope you sense within my words  
I thought about it twice  
But our nation casts a thick momentous spell

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Thrive until the day you pass away and we can meet again  
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I sided with democracy  
Yes that is what I'm dying for  
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Growing up without my father weighed heavy on my brain  
And I dread this makes my children dance that waltz  
And I'm sure at times your trust was breached  
And your love for me did wane  
But I ask you to forgive me for these faults  
And I can't express the irony of the peaceful summer breeze  
Dusting my battalion as they rest  
Cause within this evening's warmth lies a dark and icy freeze  
That whispered me to send you this request

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I am one of hundred thousand paying all that we can pay  
Standing for an object we can't see  
Now raise our children proudly to be gracious for each day  
And remind them of the reasons they are free  
If it's true the dead can drift unseen around the loves they had  
Then I will be the wind upon your cheek  
And the darkest moments in your life will never be so bad  
Cause I will be your strength when you are weak

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