

from Letters from Vicksburg

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Dear wife and bosom friend I hat seen hart
sites befor I ever saw a battel
field at Edwards station hospitel
I fount out what it was to see a hert
the one that makes me dry hat lost his tong
the ball past thro his teeth and cut it off
and made his eyes and everything look rong
but heare theres times with the secesh thats grate
we dont shoot at them after dark and they
of corse dont shoot at us the moon shines so
that we can see each other plain as day
we hav the right to go half ways acrost
and they can come half ways acrost to us
we leave our arms and some come cleare acrost

—Gary Gildner

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