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My Dearest Coroleya,

I wonder if you worry as much as I do over lapses in receiving mail. I know mine has been much the more infrequent. Up to the last two times your letters have always been waiting me on arrival into port or whenever mail came on board. I especially wanted one this time but so far it hasn't shown up. I don't know how the mail is moving now, but I do need a letter from you. It would help a lot.

It seems these letters are getting harder and harder to write. I can't talk about where I am or what I am doing and that eliminates a large field. Usually I answer one of yours and that gives me something to start on. What did you ever decide about coming to the west coast. It would be awful if you came out and then I were transferred to a new ship building on the east coast. That possibility is not so remote. With all the new ships the regular officer personnel is going to have to be thinned out over all of them. About three months ashore awaiting a ship going in commission would be the finest thing I could hope for.

I'm going to quit on this thing now because I ought to get it in the mail. I'll write again in a couple of days.

Love,  
John