

(Letter written by Helen Keller, Deaf, Dumb and Blind Girl, age 15 yrs.)

" I want you to know that your kind letter made me very happy, so I write this little note to thank you for writing to me and to tell you how pleased I am that you enjoyed my little story so much.

I had no idea when I wrote it that such a simple little story would make me so many new friends, so I have been astonished at the large number of letters which I have received since its publication. I can not possibly answer all of them, but your letter made me feel that your heart was sad about something, so I thought I would write you a few words of loving sympathy. I wish I knew the magical word that would dispel the darkness that you say has descended on your spiritual sight, but sometimes, by simply waiting, things come right.

The darkest night brings with it its own lamp, and while we are waiting for God to light it, we can multiply sweet acts of love, and hold out a tender, helpful hand to those more unfortunate than ourselves."