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Correspondences - 1953, March 3 - Bessie Milholland

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dear Mrs Gardner,

Our feeble efforts have failed and tonight there is a great empty place in my heart for your dear little sister. She was too fine for this world of confusion and pain and I am now rejoicing with her in the new, glorious life into which she has

just entered¹². The gleam
in her eyes and her friendly
smile is something apart
and ever to be remembered
and only yesterday in her
weakness she gave them
to those who entered her room.
I think she recognized me
early this morning, but
little by little it faded away.
There was no expression of
- Pain or anxiety just quietly
and slowly, breathing and
then a sigh.

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She is really a wonderful
Person and in deep thro'ts
of being very unwell, I
count it a great privilege
to have known her and in
my feeble way to have been
near her during these
last anxious and trying
days Thank you Mrs
Gardner for your deep
understanding and
patience with our helples-
ness - My thro'ts tonight
are like those of my own

loved ones who have
gone away, expressed
in Willie's lovely lines.

"Another hand is becoming
us, another call is given"

My sincere good wishes
for you always.

Bessie Mitholland

Mar. 3, 1953

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