

Plymouth Decr. 15<sup>th</sup> 1848

My Dear Beloved  
Father and Mother I  
am writing a few lines to  
you in order that you know  
the certain time of departure  
will be about 10 o'clock  
tomorrow I am bidding  
farewell to old Erin and  
sweet Milltown which  
I am afraid I never will  
see Remember me to all  
the friends and neighbors  
and if ever it comes

in my power to do good  
for either friend or  
neighbour I will do it  
I will be Expecting I will  
see my dear Mother  
and Catherine again  
this time next year  
with the help of God  
I remain Yours Ever  
Faithfully Son  
John D. Hughes

Good By and Good

Bless you

and my Blessing shall

be friends and neighbours

and our Lady

and family

and your self