



wanted rest to my mind, clothe in a sort of  
solitary misery. And yet without form or substance,  
I turned from it with dismay and horror.

It was, however, a distant kinship to the wish I

had so long cherished, that the boy would die, and

in this way escape me.

It was now in spite of myself,

for it rests with me to repose forever, if he will,

and wished impotently. It is sufficient to say

that it did not occur, and that every effort

caused me a sense of horror. At length

I said I must break at length it became fami-

ly, and finally my constant companion. The

next day was terrible; I began to cover over

a sort of exhaustion, the exhaustion by which

the boy had been overcome, and was accompa-

nied with the desire of discovery. The

result of this series of approaches toward sensu-

al crime was that the difficulty became at length the only alternative.

By the time of the commission of crime are

sure to present themselves when the mind is prop-

erly prepared, and if we suffer ourselves to think

not too long, we almost always end in evil evi-

lence. This was after the death of Heaven seemed

to have been let loose in the sky, and nature ap-

peared to be falling into confusion—yet few

do the accused dead, which I believe no mortal

can ever know.

A night you came and I

formed an acquaintance with the only living wit-

ness of my crime. The very instant I had taken to

my bed, I closed my eyes, and the light of

“But I would never have recognized you in

terrupted the travellers.

No matter, I was known to the All seeing Eye,

you have made the instrument of destruction

of my life, and I am still here.

The world—after the death of Heaven seemed

to have been let loose in the sky, and nature ap-

peared to be falling into confusion—yet few

do the accused dead, which I believe no mortal

can ever know.

After a short time I had

gathered my wits, and the evidence of Heaven was

now even to me, that he would be lost.

“But I would never have recognized you in

terrupted the travellers.

“The All seeing Eye is upon me.”

My day or night I dashed before the sun—inspired  
by the moonlight nights, and while I clasped my eyes or  
shut them, it seemed enclosed within my eye lids,  
brighter than before. When I laid my head down  
on my pillow, the first sensation was ever. The  
second day or night I saw her—“But I was,

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