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To be kept always -
One of the very best
I ever had

Dear, dear Janey,

I wrote you a note
in pencil yesterday, & am so engaged
with work & poetry! that for the next
week I shall hardly be able to write you
at any length. If I had a few days all
to myself I should not be uneasy; but that
is impossible. I intended to work a little
at home this morning; but have to go to
market, then to my office & so on. ^{But}
last night I got through. Let me look,
12 stanzas equal to 72 verses. As soon
as I can steal time I will admit you to
my confidence — you & R. — & send 'em.
I am sorry to see that a good deal
is expected of me. No matter how
well I do it will be considered a matter
of course; but if I fall short — well,
if I do it shall be my fault & that's the
end of it. I enclose you a few newspaper
clips which will please you & D.V. I
will "see the scratch smiling" when the
tonic comes & stand up for the honor of

The Old Government with better fidelity at
heart. There are two "specimen tickets"
the last on page no 5 of my MS. —

Peace has come, God give His blessing
On the fact & on the name!
The South speaks no invective
And she writes no word of blame;
But we call all men to witness
That we stand up without shame.

This is the end of course
It is a little separate

Way! and its faith to all the world
That we stand up with pride,
With praise for living comrades
And with tears for those who died —
and please God in this frame of mind
Till death we shall abide.

The Prologue X¹¹ stanza is in iambic
pentameter, & I hope you will like it.
Marionna thinks the second of the above
rather poor — I tell her it is simplicity
not poverty. Which is right? But of
course you can form no judgment till
you see the whole. I send you a
copy of paper & blessing for you &
Robert Mass. Send bless on both —
Papa.