

## Letter from Jefferson to his granddaughter Ellen

My dearest Ellen,

Washington Mar. 4. 05

I owe a letter to you & one to your sister Anne. but the pressure of the day on which this is written, and your Papa's departure permits me to write only to you, to inclose you a poem about another namesake of yours, and some other pieces worth preserving. as I expect Anne's volume is now large enough, I will begin to furnish you with materials for one – I know you have been collecting some yourself; but as I expect there is some tag, rag & bobtail verse among it you must begin a new volume for my materials. I am called off by company therefore god bless you, my dear child, kiss your Mama and sisters for me, & and tell them I shall be with them in about a week from this time. once more adieu.

Th: Jefferson