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Dear Sir

Charming; poem  
"Near Home" was printed  
(if not published) by James  
Munroe & Co. Boston. C.  
brought it to me some  
seven weeks ago, with the  
remark - "knowing your  
objection to manuscript, I  
got it printed" and I do  
not know that he pre-  
sented it to anyone else.  
I have not been to the  
city of late, but Emer-  
son told me that he  
found a small pile  
of them at Munroe's,  
and bought two or three  
though "Munroe said"  
that he was forbidden

to advertise it. Of course  
this is equivalent to dedi-  
cating it "to whom it  
may concern." Others also  
have bought it, for  
fifty cents; but C. still  
persisted in his way, in  
saying "that it has" not  
published. Ought not  
a poem to publish itself?

I am glad if  
you are not weary of  
the name book, partly  
because I have another  
not a larger size to  
come.

As for the printing,  
I cannot speak for  
my neighbors, but for  
my own part, I am  
politically or benighted  
(or belighted?) that  
I do not know what

Seward's qualifications are  
I know however, that  
no one in whom I could  
feel much interest would  
stand any chance of being  
elected. But the real  
trick is hard to drive  
is hard to draw.

Yours truly

Henry D. Thoreau