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to help me love them for I can't love
them half enough myself. Annie is one
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I never knew a child to improve as
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afternoon I braided ~~up~~ the front side of
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Yours — Conny

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