

I Shall Soon Be Off for Idaho:
Letter to Stephen M. Reynolds in Terre Haute
(April 27, 1907)

Girard, Kansas, April 27, 1907.

My dear Stephen:—

I have your very beautiful letter and am move by what you say, especially touching your dear daughter Jean. What you say of her is of very deep interest to me for you know I love her almost as you do yourself.¹

I have but a moment or two to write as I am extremely busy with a great variety of matters on all sides. I shall soon be off for Idaho. Possibly you may join me there. Who knows? I know you will be there in the spirit and so truly that I shall almost feel and see you in the flesh. It is a great comfort to have such a comrade as you, always loyal, always devoted, always sweet, and always wholly forgetful of self. There may be others like you. I do not happen to know them.

When you write to Chicago I wish you always to send my love and good wishes to Mrs. Reynolds and the little folks. I am always

Your loving comrade,

E. V. Debs.

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¹ Jean Reynolds, daughter of Debs's friend and close political associate Stephen M. Reynolds, had fallen gravely ill in September 1906. It was not until about two weeks before this letter was written that news the girl had made a full recovery had been received; she was consequently very much in Debs's thoughts. See also: Debs to Reynolds of April 12, 1907, in Constantine (ed.) *Letters of Eugene V. Debs, Vol. 1*, p. 237.