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Transcription:

[fragment letter from Emily to Leander]

[written upside down at top]

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[written normally]

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From your own Emily