

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Helen Keller, July 18, 1918, with transcript

COPY Helen Keller, drawer 25 Beinn Bhreagh 1918 July 18 Near Baddeck Nova Scotia

My dear Helen:

I have the greatest aversion to appearing in a moving-picture, and I had just written to Dr. Francis Trevelyan Miller declining positively, when your letter of July 5 arrived. It is a letter which would move a heart of stone and it has touched me deeply. It brings back recollections of the little girl I met in Washington so long ago, and you are still that little girl to me. I can only say that anything you want me to do I will do for your sake, but I can't go down to the States before you go to California, and we will have to wait till you come back.

You must remember that when I met you first I wasn't seventy-one years old and didn't have white hair, and you were only a little girl of seven, so it is obvious that any historical picture will have to be made with substitutes for both of us. You will have to find someone with dark hair to impersonate the Alexander Graham Bell of your childhood, and then perhaps your appearance with me in a later scene when we both are as we are now may be interesting by contrast. I have no doubt that when you return from California we can arrange a meeting to suit both of us.

With much love to you and Teacher, Your loving friend, (signed) Alexander Graham Bell  
Miss Helen Keller 25 Seminole Avenue, Forest Hills, Long Island, N.Y.