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Respectfully inscribed to our friend Miss Mollie King.

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By **T. A. McLean**

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The Fatal

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Jack 5-1866
 Dear Edith:-
 I don't you letter
 than my life, my heart
 you broke in twain; I
 your wife, my day to call
 were all in vain. The
 past was sweet for we
 have loved, we part now
 with a sigh, for part we
 were fated to but you
 I now must say "good
 bye."
 Your true lover,
 "Jack"

BALLAD

WITH

WALTZ REFRAIN



Letter



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THE FATAL LETTER.

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INTRODUCTION.

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Con amore.

Tis the same old tale re-peat-ed, Quoth a young man between sighs. I was captured
Anxious-ly the maiden waited Hope as bright as sunshine ray... Never dreaming

by a maiden With bewitching hazel eyes... We strolled together arm in arm
of the torture Stored away for her to-day... Letter arrived and eagerly grasped,

While tales of love we told... I was hap-py and con-ten-ted
Seal, with trembling hands broken. Perhaps he is com-ing to-night

She was to me more than gold. I dreamt of her while sleeping Awake she controlled my
Or send to me some to - ken. My God! she cried in agony My heart's broken let me

mind. A queen o'er all I possessed, This maiden gentle and kind.
die. Forgive him for those cruel words, "I now must say good - bye!"

But jealously drove us two a - part I expected no bet - ter....
From lips of an - guish came this ap - peal As I forgive my debt - or....

It almost broke in twain my heart When I sent her this let - ter....
Then fell prostrate on the floor Clutched in her hand this let - ter....

Fatal Letter.

CHORUS.

Tempo di Valse.

I loved you 'better than my life, My heart you broke in twain..... I

prayed some day to call you wife, My prayers were all in vain..... The

past was sweet for we have loved, We part now with a sigh..... For

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you were false to me my love, I now must say good bye.....

Fatal Letter.

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