

Dearest ³¹¹ Zue.

Come up to the garden, Zo.
For the black old winter's gone (Iac hope)

Come up to the garden, Zo,
Tho' the tulips and daffs are done,
The mulberry tree is bursting in leaf,
The roses are budding beyond belief,
The little brown wren has its nest in the

And the swallows - alas - where ^{tree} they shouldn't
be.

And everything's waiting and saying
each day,

When is our Zue,

Our dearly loved Zue,

Now ^{summer} ~~what is the~~ Zue, coming our way?

The cat-bird calls from the hickory tree,
"I know the chair where she ought
to be,"

The cardinal calls: "Is she here? Is
she ~~here~~?"

And the ~~fox~~ robin chuckles: "She's
such a dear."

and the lilies and roses are trying
to say,
"Not till she's here, shall we all be gay."
And the old moon peeks thro' the
mulberry tree
And is quite disgruntled coz it's only
me,

Written to Zoe from Vancouver:
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Sept 1944 - to March/April 1949.

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MB Williams to Mary Bird Herridge ("Zöe"), 1940

Transcription / Additional Information

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[In another pen:]

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