Lincoln Hotel, April 2, 1901.

My dear Walsh,

I thank you for your sympathy and offer of service. There is nothing that you can do.

As to the funeral, I do not yet know when it will be. I would rather see you here than there. Being a little broken in body and mind I don't want to take any chances of making an idiot of myself before my friends.

Sincerely yours, Ambrose Bierce.