

"I have seen," said 10.1.1.51, "the most beautiful scenes of my own country; I have visited the lakes of Nowhere and Nowhere, where the snowy mountains descend almost perpendicularly to the water, casting black and impenetrable shades, which would cause a gloomy and mournful appearance were it not for the most verdant islands that belie the eye by their gay appearance."â\200\235

â\200\235I have seen this lake agitated by a tempest, when the wind tore up whirlwinds of water and gave you an idea of what the water-spout must be on the great ocean; and the waves dash with fury the base of the mountain, where the priest and his mistress were overwhelmed by an avalanche and where their dying voices are still said to be heard amid the pauses of the nightly wind; I have seen the mountains of Nowhere, and Nowhere; but this country pleases me more than all those wondersâ\200\235.

â\200\234Oh, surely the spirit that inhabits and guards this place has a soul more in harmony with man than those who pile the glacier or retire to the inaccessible peaks of the mountains of our own country." 10.1.1.51! Beloved friend! Even now it delights me to record your words and to dwell on the praise of which you are so eminently deserving. 10.1.1.51 was a being formed in the "very poetry of nature."â\200\235