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From Hallmark Or Somewhere

Think now of a mountain — say, that one
south of Medicine Bow. Does it make
any difference at all, what you are thinking?
“None at all,” do you say? “None to that mountain”?
Only one person in the world thinking of
a certain place, and it means nothing? Nothing?

If someone is thinking of you — no difference
to you if you don’t know it? None?
Then telling you so is the difference? That’s all?
Someone sends you this card, no matter
the reason. You look out over some trees.
You tap on the card and ponder. Strange—
you care whether the card is true,
even when it just says, “I am thinking of you.”