

Altadena, 3 April, 1976.

My Best Friend,

I thank you ever so much for your 2 letters, of 17 & 18 March. Well, this is my last letter to you, this time, in this country, for I am leaving here on the Norwegian freighter "Nansen" on the 9th, and your letter to me, will be addressed to Betty. Needless to say that all my good and kind and loving thoughts go to you, wishing you all that is good. My stay in this country has been a trial and a tribulation, but even so, it must have been good for something. As I see it, I could not have put my affairs into better, safe shape, if I had been well and able to proceed. Granting this, we have quartered and accepted what was most important, perhaps.

Personally, individually, my stay has been more or less of a nightmare. Frankly, it has tried my faith and trust in God hard, to see lots of us suffer

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suffer. You, who are the best and most loyal friend,
whom I know, and who at all times, are being loving
and kind and helped to your fellow-being, and
hoping to please God in the best way, you know
how. And thus you are, young as suffering, all this
time. I certainly cannot see my way clearly in all

this, for I also have had to face a hard fate, it
seems to me. And this, no doubt, we are both wrong, for
it has been said that those who suffer most on
this side, shall have it easier on the other side.
Well, I hope it may be so.

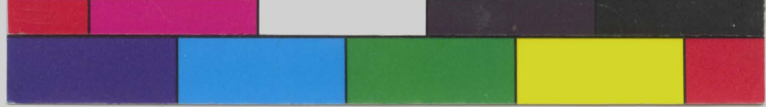
We like to quarrel and think we are badly used,
and indeed it does seem hard at times, and hard
and difficult to understand, this in our deeper-down,
better understanding and knowledge, we should think
and feel, that whatever comes to us, is best, just so,
only we cannot see it; but it is, just the same.

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Everything in connection with my affairs have been satisfactorily arranged. My art collection in the Museum is in the hands of a committee, consisting of: President Ruper von Kleinbunt, Herr Baron, Professor, Dr. von Koster, Herr Comstock (Museum), and Rev. Harn.

This Committee will canvass for subscriptions to buy the rest of the collection, and feel confident they can do so, at more or better times set in, which they expect in the course of the year; but they are starting canvassing at once, as far as that goes. My auxiliary collection is in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Harn, a good, reliable and capable man. Mr. Ferman is entirely out of it. I am writing you all this somewhat circumstantially, as you have so often referred to it.

I thank you for each and all loving thoughts that you have sent my way, while in this country, and our friends here they have found a ready response in my heart. All loving and kind and true thoughts and wishes to you, and may God ever bless you, my good and loyal friend.
 ever your friend,
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