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My dearest old Wonderful one !

I was so glad to get your letter yesterday, though had JUST written a long one to you - but had not yet posted it ! What a time and a half - you have (and always do have) it seems to me. I can imagine the worry and heartbreak attached to a work as you and Albert have undertaken, and I admire you more than I can say, doing a real worth-while job, anyhow - your utmost to spread the beauty and art for which we were fortunate enough to have our eyes opened to ! Strange to say darling, I was going through a batch of papers and came across some most beautifully written articles about old Master when he died - which I had never read before ! I will copy them and send you, if you would like them - I think you would, as they stir ones memory to what he really stood for, which with the passing years I think one is apt to forget and not appreciate - When Mirry says to me, I learnt "Lotosblume" and "Du bist wie eine Blume" and "lots" of "the Lieder" with Master, "do you know them" After being 18 years twice a week with him, could I scream ! although he never mentioned the diaphragm to her - she says ! Well, darling enough - Am afraid am not coming along with that contingent, but after X'mas will think again, and would not travel on a de luxe cl.A.I. boat at £144 for one way, for the pleasure of being an unpaid companion nurse. Aren't I the limit? Never mind my dearest, I would just love to have hours and weeks of talks to you, and to try to help with voices - Have you really got good ones with brains behind? Are you as wonderful a teacher as you are in everything you undertake ? I bet you are. Have you real tangible success and how can you get it so soon? I would love to know. I have found in all these years, that the very few only, seem to really be able to adapt the wonderful method to really benefit and succeed and have the right brain also I must say, at that School of Music I had such stacks of pupils of all sorts I DID really have some lovely results, but latter years, seem to have such a mixed breed of nit-wits it has not been inspiring. I wonder if you are being able to make anything of April, not that its a great talent or voice, but quite a bit in a small way, I thought she really had, if she was able to do a few mins. practice and not be a bundle of nerves etc. It had great agility I thought, and high and low notes were good, and an excellent ear as you know. Well. my dearest, all this is perhaps beside the point - To begin with, it was and is too sweet of you to want me to come, and I do hope and believe I will - if only not too late ! Also - a most marvellous parcel arrived this week, such gorgeously chosen treasures and I must say, you are the dearest most generous and faithfully kind friend - who not only says things (so cheap poor old Master always said were "words and wishes") but one who DOES kind and sweet things . Thank you so much, I DO appreciate all your goodness to me ! I rang up Streatham yest. as I heard from Chelw. that T.G. Baba was there, and no longer with that creature at the flat in Maida Vale - Brownie said she'd seen F.J. the last week-end, she goes alternate week ends, and she thinks he's pretty bad, he has two nurses, and looks awful she says, and I believe from what she said, his mind is not clear - I feel so sorry for poor Frederick, I spoke to Baba, and told her I wanted to see her and take her to concerts etc. sometimes. She says she is going into a little mews house, she and 2 other girls she met a few weeks ago - off Wilton Place have taken ! She goes next week, and will then come round here. She is now at a "film school" ! She goes week-ends to Chelw. and of course the Metzls and Frederick are there. She says the latter is O.K. as he has plenty to do there that interests him ! It sounds so dreary to me, but there you are. They are young, and perhaps enjoy things. I would like to speak to you. I

do so hope you will come here this year as you thought ? I have been trying to get you to E/Brugh but so far the 2 sources have tried are no use. The Baroness came here on Monday to a quite nice tea-fight I had, and she is charming and jolly, just back from Vienna etc. she says she has no strings she can pull re. the British Council for Albert, but she thinks with his name and prestige etc. he surely could do something himself for it, better than perhaps others. She says, it doesn't matter who one is, one has to work for things (as we know). She said how much Mark had loved being here, as they'd all made such a fuss of him this time etc. I wonder if Albert will go to Australia or to J/burg. I had a letter last week from the Pulvers. telling me of the marvels of Arreay (the pianist) and HER kind criticism on Muehlen, I'd told her of the fun it had been having this old pupil back of his. She says she sang in a choir in Cologne where he was soloist, "not a great voice, but a great artist from whom one could learn something" I thought she was telling me ! As far as music goes they were a great disappointment to me, as you can think, "Nan" being the greatest singer and musician in the world ! anyhow, otherwise they are most charming - (do you remember our marching out - and I would again, from Nan's 1st wonderful concert?!) What a life ! Darling, I feel rather well in myself, and just seem to have to get used to not being able to walk more than a few steps slowly and carefully, not to topple over, you'd have a real fit - but am not in pain which is marvellous I suppose, only one long stiff body and nearly a useless leg ! How lovely you must with all that glorious hair of yours grey ~~is~~ is it white? Mine has not turned strange to say, but I usually look and feel 100. Thank you for hotels for Mirry, her friend Mrs. (I forget name) has given her all the accommodation she had booked for herself and is going to stay anywhere with her daughter isn't it kind of her.

Love darling, *for M. O. R.*

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