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Hi Darling:

Thanks so much for your letter. I'm so happy things are looking up for you. M. G. is such a rat & I see that one does well just to seek out an existence & let alone accumulate enough to put in the bank. I sincerely hope your fellowship comes through. It will give you an added incentive to do your best when you know your daily needs will be provided for for a while at least. You certainly deserve any good fortune that comes your way.

Though you will receive this letter with a Los Angeles postmark, I am way up in the San Bernandos Mts. as I write. The entire Mt. is covered with snow; all the cars of the guests are hidden beneath the avalanche that came since this morning. I came up here to a Methodist Church camp at noon, and it was snowing so that I had to leave my car down the mountain. A white conductor and his church

choir are having a retreat up here this week-end and he invited me to come up and have his choir read through some of my new arrangements. They read my songs from 2 till 5:00 this afternoon and then 2 more hours after dinner. That's why Mr. Charlie is ahead. They study. This choir buys everything I write and I was happy to come up.

Next week I'll be in Medets 3 days, conducting 400 kids in a festival and the following week I'll fly to the University of New Mexico where I'll conduct the big All State Choral festival, and it will be like that from now till the close of school. I sure hope you can make the European trip, Honey. They plan to send me again next winter, alone. But in the meantime I may go to Germany and do a T.V. show. Will tell you more about it if and when it happens. I love you as ever,

Jo Annister