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Oct. 6, 1977

My Darling:

It seems that I write you since Marge and I have been on our vacation. We've been away from home almost a month now, and are having a wonderful time. It is so nice to be away from the telephone, ringing all day. Although most of my work comes in over the phone. I thank God, however, that I'm all booked for this whole coming year; until next June 16.

How are you these days? And how do you like your new apartment? Fine I hope. And I hope this will be your very best and most lucrative year of your career. I do not go into my work for money alone. My aim is to give young teachers and their singers a real, meaningful experience. That's why I insist that they must know my music thoroughly; whether it is standard, Contemporary or Spirituals. I refuse to teach notes, Miss Gudge. Their teachers must do that. Then I can make the music live.

Marge sends love to you also. Get me know what you are up to. I'll be home in another week. Love,

Joanston