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Dear Mr. Ewert;

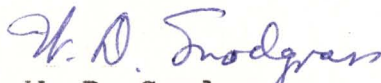
Thanks for your good letter of September 10. I'm grateful for your continued interest in doing a piece of mine and particularly pleased that you and Bill Heyen came across my children's poem of so many years ago. I would be very much interested, indeed, in having you do an edition of that.

Do let me ask you if you would send me a copy of that version. I'm not sure that I have any copy of it with me here in Delaware - all my papers and records are stored in New York State. I do know that I had at one point changed the title to The Boy Made of Meat and I suppose there might be considerable other changes but I'll have to look into that. I suppose I might also want to make some revisions in it now, although between now and next April I am terribly tied up with another project.

I am amused by Bill's suggestion that this be published as another book by S.S. Gardons although I don't suppose there's any real reason to do that - Remains was published pseudonomously because they are poems dealing with my sister's death and what I take to be my mother's responsibility in that; here I see no such reason for the pseudonym. On the other hand I am always fond of any sort of literary hoax. Perhaps I should give this a little thought and you might do the same yourself.

I am very much pleased that this possibility has turned up (I don't know why this manuscript didn't occur to me) and certainly look forward to working on it with you.

All best wishes,


W. D. Snodgrass