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Dear Bill,

Thanks so much for your good letter of September 10th. I'm very anxious to see the new book and Gillian Tyler's wood engravings.

I like your idea about using a note on the background of this poem in your advertisement for the book. I think that probably it would be best for you to prepare that note rather than me -- I'm afraid that a note from me would sound a little self-congratulatory. The only facts which might not be handy to you are that it was originally written for a series of which Louis Untermeyer was the editor and that it never got printed there. As you know, after you discovered it and brought it again to my attention, I rewrote it twice to reach the version that we now have.

Incidentally, let me repeat to you how grateful I am that you found it and got me started to work on it again. I, too, am quite fond of it. It actually would have been bad if it had been published in that first version but I think it is really very much better now so, once again, I owe you thanks.

If you think that I should do this note in my own voice, let me know and I'll try to turn out something. But please do let me know what kind of shape this note should take since I feel comparatively blank about it.

All the best,