

Thursday P.M.
March 18 - 1965

Ma chère propense Patricia:

(propense, propensity: Possessed of or characterized by a "natural inclination or bent, as a propensity for versifying" - and thirsting after knowledge - Webster's unabridged.)

The manager at Lassen's Mangamika Lodge is Al Donau. The proper salutation is on the letter and it's all ready for your perusal & judgment tomorrow morning.

What, especially, would you like for breakfast? Any special kind of "crumpets"? How about frozen red raspberries instead of strawberries for a change? Phone me at dinner time this evening (5:00 - 6:00 P.M.) and let me know. (or earlier to 6:30 - I'll be in from 4:30 to 6:30)

I'm going to Bogosian's class after dinner (7:00 - 9:30) - Room 104 Faculty office building. If this hasn't reached you and I haven't heard from you, I'll phone you around ten when I get back and hope you are in. If I miss you then - call me whenever you get in as I've said I don't care when - and

I'm not prying into your affairs - I trust you and your judgment as to whom you go with or where or how long, etc. I'm just sufficiently "recognition-hungry" to pick a term from the Symposium to sleep better & get up more relaxed the next morning when I've heard the lift in your voice. It tells me all is well.

I visited at the ranch last evening. - had dinner - saw a T.V. chapter of "The Virginian" & eventually talked about changes in the human situation. They were ~~de-~~ decrying the lack of cultural opportunities in American Colleges (as compared with the high schools where "generally there are small classes, a chance for students & faculty to meet & share in life, etc.") I could hardly wait to tell them that, though we don't have anywhere nearly enough, things at San Jose State do not constitute a completely barren desert! I tried to tell them about the Symposium & the contacts opened by it, but they had read or been told the thing that was disturbing them & couldn't really listen.

I was glad to be home - where I could study quietly - anticipate breakfast with you tomorrow morning - and dinner some where next Tuesday(?)

I spent some time in the study of words, used by Canaus in "The Plague" looked up propensity to amplify my understanding of it, - hence the verse. This brought peace & happiness + so to bed -
Love Earl

It Must be your Propensity

It cannot be from density
That you've acquired propensity,
For philosophizing versifying,
On all the wondrous things there are.

Who looks in all for density,
Finds here but sweet propensity,
To build your personality
So existentially your own!

And surely it is your propensity
To versify aesthetically
Take in and give out spiritually,
To grow in such enduring charm.

It must be your propensity!
Left no small place for density.
But regaled your soul with musicality
As you travel down the long long road to truth.

With beauty, loveliness, mentality,
You shine forth characteristically
Becoming thus ecstatically
A person wanted to be known

So here's to your propensity
For being so attractively
All that is you and you and you and you,
And in my heart of hearts my very own!

Votre peu ouais Deux affectionately
Carl
le dixhuitième März - 1965