

Barcelona 2 a.m.  
October 9th

Dear Friend,

*You're somewhere in France. Germany awaits. You're on the road. It's late, and you're asleep, alone in the cold, dark night, and you are probably dreaming. Your future, your destiny, your love, happiness... all within your reach.*

*Have I told you what beautiful hands you have? The hands of a creator – fine, soft, sensitive. Hold them out in front of your dreamy, round, verdant eyes. Caress them with your vision. Press them to your heart and say, "I will become exactly who I am. I will create a life filled with joy and peace, and as many smiles as there are waves in the sea, rippling in the orange and blue sunset of my dreams..." and dream, my dear friend, dream of me, of the memory of our first glance...*



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October 26th

*My dearest Friend,*

*Tonight the moon had half a face, thin, like paper, sliced directly down the center with razor-sharp precision. I wondered where its other half had gone. Like my heart, still visible, though really split apart. Somehow, half of me is shaded too, behind a million stars, waiting, waxing, waning, still alone in the dark night, in this beautiful solitude. Peace surrounds me. Oceans of musical mist penetrate the midnight glow. Time is no longer counted in hours or days – but by movement. And every step we take draws us closer, deeper, until my heart could burst with light.*

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*But as the night grew impatient, the half-moon tilted counter-clockwise, downward; and when I wasn't looking, it lost the will to hang itself straight in the heavenly sky. What did it fear? What force extended its power to the moon? Are you tugging at its might, its smile, reaching for a safe harbor, pulling me along with it, toward your starless sky?*



November 8th

Dear Friend,

*Threats of war cloud my already misty vision, and chills of cold shiver me to the bone. Guns. Bombs. I cannot fathom the sound. Thousands of deafened soldiers swarm the desert sand like flies to a carcass, and with one hot day too many, could melt into a jell of lead and steel.*

*How close we are to death – how far from our true purpose. Sometimes that tiny sliver of an inch, or second, creates enough source, fire, to light up even the Dark Ages! Although many have tried, we can never create Utopia until the Earth is gone...*



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*...And so I set you free. Release the chains of my longing, unlock the secret fantasies you have inspired, and unleash my heart. I can no longer serve illusion.*

*Neither can my country. You cannot gather flowers from dry soil!*

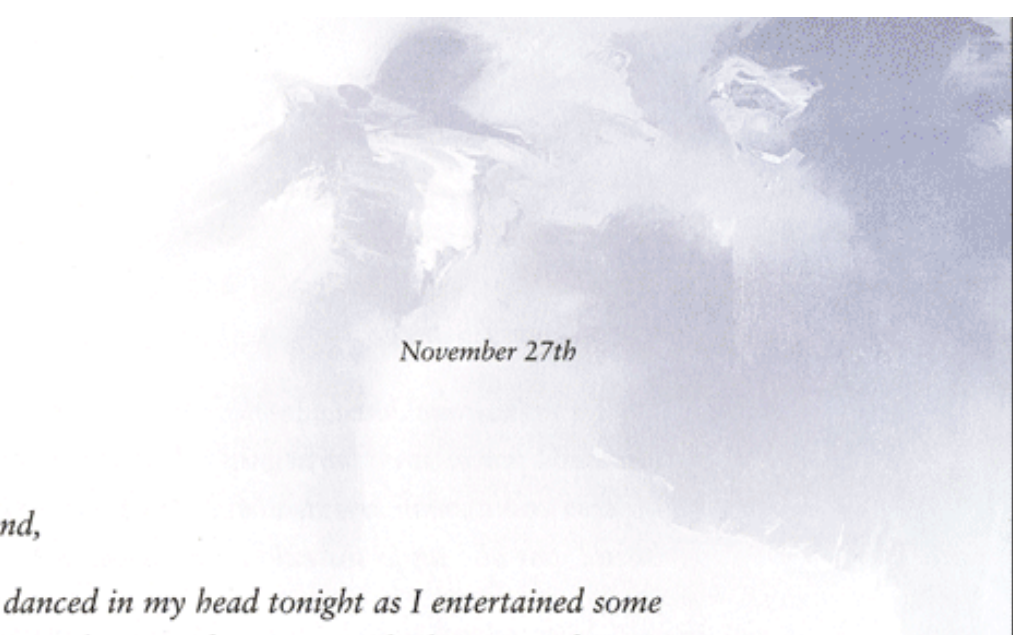
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*November 27th*

*My dearest Friend,*

*Traces of Spain danced in my head tonight as I entertained some friends from Barcelona. Their Catalonian attitude, humor, and taste differ from yours – I know. But still, they sound like you; they talk, laugh, live closer to your reality than mine. Oh, how I long to return to the warmth of your soul language, the sweetness of your sun-ripened*



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*fruits, the early morning rhythm of your arm-flinging dance.*

*Teach me how to dance, to love, in Iberian tempo. Introduce me to your form, color, mood, more subtle than the morning mist, yet just as inspiring. I offer you a simple, willing heart. Would you, brave yet cautious soul, be too proud to accept my complete surrender? Oh, nothing less. I know your kind: inseparable from heart and harmony; your sense of love perfection is clear, as distinct as red or gold. But nature matures red into rust, and gold into green. What color are we now?*

