

Dearest Nell,

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How much we all hope that you
are better - that the peace of the winter
landscape soothes your eyes and that
you can rest. We all loved your gift -
so right for this year's mood in our house.
Our celebration was simpler and more than
ever happy. My huge old doll house (it
was my mother's and stands as high as
Kate) was properly electrified this
year and we had snow (cotton - batting)
and Santa and reindeer on the roof and
a miniature creche inside. It seems
that all we lack is the right winter land-
scape which I miss so deeply. Then I think
that maybe it's right not to have everything



that I crave — so happy and complete is my family circle — so rich my friendships — such as yours.

We were given the chance to use a marvelous cabin (built like a Japanese Temple in rooflines + sparseness) in Bohinas on a lagoon. (1 hour north of the city on the ocean side of the mountain). We took friends who have 5 boys and are good sharers of the outdoors and off we went after Christmas for several days. Just returned, we feel wind-swept and free and ready for the new year. The beaches were empty and fierce but the most pure blue sky and air. I could

THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI
Painting by Sassetta, Italian (Sienese), 1392-1450
THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART
Bequest of Maitland Fuller Griggs, 1943

The north wind creating