

dition with the same  
emotion as the last.

Your ribs are  
mended, I hope -  
Take care. did you  
fall?

Neh, dear - This  
is not a letter in my  
full self. It is  
slow in returning -  
and painful. We  
love you - and are  
struggling - and  
are so grateful for  
your caring even  
in these times when  
we are hard to love.  
I shall write again  
soon - and more.  
I have found it so  
difficult. dear friend,  
love me still -

Love - TULIP greta

Detail from a watercolor by  
Jacob Marrel. Dutch, 1614-1681



Bitter man

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

OF ART

Rogers Fund, 1968

These years) and I  
have trouble accepting  
it.

Frederick + I have  
had bad moments  
but will somehow  
triumph. What  
pains me most is  
that "Mother and  
child" had such a  
difficult moment  
to be born. It  
wasn't fair and for  
my part, I wish I  
had better understand-  
ing of these difficult  
moments.

Now that the  
book is born, we can  
only praise the Lord  
that it lives again -  
with a more mature  
and worn quality  
than before. Frederick  
said he discussed  
the problems as he  
saw them. All I know  
is that, while I know  
all that went wrong  
at the press, the buying  
public doesn't - and  
will accept this

Dearest Nell -  
Your letter  
meant more to  
me than you can  
ever know and  
for this awful silence  
forgive me, please. I  
have been in a bad  
storm, caused by  
many things and  
made some bad  
decisions - we wanted  
to move out of the  
city and had everything  
all set to go ... back to  
the old chalet - when  
all sorts of money  
problems brought  
up violently confused  
me. That's where you  
saw me in May. I  
should have been  
here moving us -  
anyway - enough of  
me. I am living  
with a wrong  
decision (in our  
flat without a  
yard - longing for  
a garden after all