

CARE OF DEREK SPENCE ESQ
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LONDON W.I.
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Beloved friend,

I cant tell you what a joy it was to see you first at IOIO and then on the Elizabeth, and to have you meet Derry. He adored the books with their tender and dear messages to him, and my note, ^{to me -} oh dear dear friend, how much you have been through with me through the years, and how very much your friendship and understanding have ment to me, at the low ebbs of lifes tides and at its high pounding with life, you have shared so much with me, your children and mine, and now this special loveliness of Derry. I feel breathless and starry eyed and all wonder, and purring. Arriving in England was like coming home again. The weather gentle and mild and the grass the special green that only English grass has, cozy open fires and the darling smiling face of Derry across a room. I am SO GLAD that you got to know him, I am a truley fortunate and bledased woman, but I know it and appreciate it which is something, and am more than willing to pay the agonizing prices that life exact from one for special moments like this, it is still a good life and the price is not too high. I am blissful and as you say the moon is again in the heavens with the twirling stars, and I can feel the giant tides of the earth and life, and they are the tides of the every lasting I know this. and oh so beautiful and so over whelming, and you sing with me beautiful Hell, and lovely Tine, and we will wave an orange petticat across the atlantic and see in the sunsets yours waving in return.

I will write again beloved friend, till then All our love to you, I am sending up the merriest smoke signals, and I think you can hear Derry and I humming all the way over there.

So much love

Derek

P.S. We are going to Marc Connellys rehearsal tomorrow and will see Kay Swift there as she has done the music for it. She and her husband stayed here at Derry's Apt, while he was gone. I havent seen her for some time now, but it will be fun to see her again. I do so hope that this play will be a roaring success, for the sake of every one concerned.

Again so much love to you and John and Tine
I am writing her, her little Pouchie is very safe and very comfortable, and says he likes his new home though he still loves Tine the most of any one.