

Dear Grandfather,

Thank you for the Christmas check. I think I'll use it to have some of the prints you sent us framed. Also, Mom gave us a couple of Hiroshige prints, $\frac{1}{2}$ one of those needs framing. Our apartment is so small, $\frac{1}{2}$ with so little wall space, that we can't hang all the nice things we have, including two of Jack's paintings.

We had a low-key Christmas here, Mom, Grandma, Jack & Alex were in Providence.

Bella is happy with her new job at Trinity Repertory Theater. She likes having a job with some variety & responsibility.

Mom is working on a book about lighthouses, Alex is working on college applications. I think it might be good for Alex to get away from home, and be more responsible for himself.

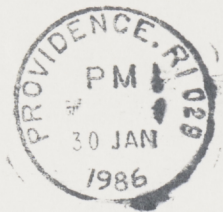
I'm not very busy right now, January being one of the slow months for a musician, but I am practicing a lot, preparing for auditions.

I hope you & Aline are well,

Love

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