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1523 North Menard
Chicago, Illinois
May 24th, 1943

Miss Gabriela Mistral
Chilean Consular Service
Brazil, S.A.

Dear Miss Mistral:

The sky is like an immense heart
Which opens bitterly.
It does not rain: it is bleeding, slowly,
Abundantly.

... and then again...

It rains...and like a tragic jackal
Night lies in wait in the mountains.
Out of the earth, in darkness,
What will rise up?

And shall you sleep while, outside,
This sickly lifeless water of death
is falling?

These quotes from your poem in Poetry for May display a remarkable sensitiveness toward a subject which has perhaps never before been so vitally immortalized.

The poetry in the Latin American issue of Poetry Magazine has really startled me. I had not realized that you, our neighbors to the South had fused the raw materials of poetry into creations that vie with our best from Hart Crane, Muriel Rukeyser and Karl Shapiro. I regret that my knowledge of Spanish does not permit reading of the originals. I intend, however, in the future to learn Spanish for the specific purpose of reading the works of you and your associate poets of Latin America.

I'm enclosing some of my own poetry in which you may find something of interest. The typed poems are, as yet, unpublished. THE TALL JEW was originally published in the same issue of POET LORE that contained the article on yourself by A. Ortiz-Vargas and which article first introduced me to your very important work. THE TALL JEW has become known to millions throughout the Western Hemisphere who have heard it broadcast from many powerful radio stations in the United States and Canada and to others in England, Africa, and Australia who have become familiar with the poem in printed form. The poem has been read before fifty audiences and has in other ways proved popular to English speaking peoples. I will be very pleased if you should be interested in its translation possibilities.

Had hoped to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Will be pleased to read your reply.
Sincerely,
Walter Heiby
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