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Dear Gabriela Mistral,

I wonder if you remember me at all, since it is so long ago that I was a student of yours at Vassar. I tried last year, but with no success, to get in touch with you, as there was a friend of mine, Miss Barbara Howe, editor of the literary magazine CHIMERA, who would have liked to secure an article from you, or the permission to reprint some of your poems.

A few days ago, I happened to hear that you are now at Los Angeles, and I hasten to write you, this time, however, for a personal purpose. I am at the moment looking for a position for next year (September 1947) and I thought that you could give me some advice, I have been teaching all this time in the field of Romance Languages, with success and its accompanying misery. As you know, life in the academic world can be very cruel. I am at the moment most discouraged, especially as I was hoping to give some comfort to my mother who has just joined me from Italy. You remember perhaps that you used to call me -la bien plantada-I wonder sometime how much of that is left.

I am sending you my curriculum vitae. I can teach the three Romance Languages and respective literatures, with almost equal competence, I could also fill any position requiring the knowledge of languages (I know also German and Portuguese), as well as a scrupulous sense of responsibility.

As I would like if at all possible, to find a position in a better climate (mother is eighty), I have sent about ten days ago, a letter to the University of California at Los Angeles. I had heard that they were looking for teachers in French. Maybe they need also some for Spanish. I do not know however, if they are considering women. Should you have any connections there, I would be very grateful for your interest.

Please excuse the trouble. I remember your kindness, and I felt I could write you in this emergency.

I have often thought of you in the past years, and rejoiced whenever you received public recognition. At no time as today has one felt the need of the leadership of those who still believe in principles. I remember your teaching with gratitude, the year I worked with you has definitely left an enduring mark in my moral and intellectual life.

Los Angeles, as I remember, is a pretty awful city, blessed with a wonderful climate. I hope you are happy and have the leisure to write. Should you be willing to send an article to miss Howe, I know she would be more than happy to get in touch with you.

Warmest regards, and good wishes,

sincerely,

*Maria P. Bizzoni*

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