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Honored Senora:

9/ I have your address from Dr Pedro Juan Labarthe, professor of Spanish at this college, and take the liberty of addressing you in the hope that I might some day meet the person who embodies one of the finest poetic spirits of the modern world. It is my misfortune that I do not know your beautiful language, nor have I come across too many English translations of your poems, but to the little I have read I have responded warmly and immediately, it gave me the feeling that Tagore gives, and Rilke, but so few modern European poets do. For the last few months I have been struggling to transfer into my language the pure light shining in your little poem called "Paradise"; I have not succeeded so far, but I have not given up hope.

Perhaps I should tell you a little about myself. I come from Bengal, India, and speak and write in the language of Rabindranath Tagore. I have written books in Bengali, both verse and prose, and a little book in English on modern Bengali literature. I founded and edit a Bengali poetry magazine called *KAVITA* - the word means poetry - and have published translations of a few of my poems in American magazines. At present I am in this country as visiting professor of English literature at Pennsylvania College for Women. I am glad to be in this country, chiefly because it is an opportunity for me to experience some of those spheres where man's personality seeks and finds its highest expression. And among these, I place the poets first.

May I call on you some time in New York? I shall be there from Thursday, November 26 to Monday, November 30, and would feel deeply grateful if you can spare time for me on any of these days. Do accept my felicitations, and those of the poets and writers of Bengal, which is the most poetry-loving part of India, as I have heard yours is in South America.

Sincerely yours,

Buddhadatta Bose
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