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Miss Joan Daves,
15 East 48th Street,
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Miss Daves:

It has occurred to me that perhaps some of the recording companies like Cadman, Follows, Angel, or Glory, who make Long Playing records of the spoken word, might be interested in such a recording of a selection of the Gabriela Mistral poems, maybe the "Cradle Songs" sequence, in both Spanish and English---perhaps with the Cuban recitadora, Eusebio Cesme, (who lives in New York) reading the Spanish, and Ingrid Bergman reading the English. If the idea appeals to you, I suggest you talk first with Miss Barbara Cohen about it at Cadman Records, 277 Fifth Avenue, New York City. (Nu. 4-7850).

Another idea that comes to me is that some really good composers might find various of the poems suitable for musical settings: Samuel Barber, Roy Harris, Aaron Copland, etc. Certainly some of the rhymed lyrics would make lovely songs.

Maybe when the SELECTED POEMS OF GABRIELA MISTRAL appears in November, you-all could persuade the Institute of Spanish Studies at Columbia University to hold an Evening of her poetry at which the book might be sold---since the Institute was her very first publisher.

I'm busy helping get my SIMPLY HEAVENLY show ready for its Broadway opening on Tuesday, August 20th at the Playhouse. A show is the MOST for taking up a lot of time!

With cordial regards to you,

Sincerely yours,

Langston Hughes

Dear Miss Dana --- I have your Nobel Prize book all wrapped up ready to return to you, but haven't been able to catch you in by phone to see when you'll be home
L. H.

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