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Dear Ms. Dana,

~~It~~ This is a very long overdue letter. It has I believe been 4 years since I first heard you on a radio program originating from Hofstra University. This was the first time that I heard the poetry of Gabriela Mistral. I stocked the name away and in looking through the Spanish poets in my library I at first, found an anthology with a few poems. Then shortly after I discovered your book Selected Poems. This book was seen, on almost constant loan from the library. Finally I decided to invest in the book only to find that it wasn't in hard cover any longer but I discovered the paper bound edition in The Gotham Book Mart. The only place I could find it. For these years, very formative years (13-17) I have grown with Gabriella. Our relationship has somewhat mellowed recently but she still and will always retain a special place in my heart. Of all the poets that I have read there has been none who could always address herself most directly to my feelings. I don't know how to describe it. Her poetry is like an old friend even when I'm not talking with her I like to know she's there. Usually I take my copy of your book whenever I go on a journey. Whenever I have a period of stress who do I turn to none other than the Poetry of Gabriela Mistral.

Now I am on my first journey across America. From Massachusetts to Colorado and back. When

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