

Dear Peter,

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I have been meaning to write for months and have only just now got it together to get my fingers moving on the type-writer. What I wanted to say was thank you for the Alan Paton book, "Knocking on Wood" I have read some excerpts from the book and found it good reading. I now have quite a collection of Paton books and all thanks to you too.

I am now on vacation with my mother in New York and am having a wonderful and very musical time. I have been taking advantage of all the tremendous performers that play in New York and have been to the opera five times. As you know Mummy is not keen on opera, rock music is more her style. I dragged her to one which I think she enjoyed. We have also been to a couple of nightclubs to hear friends of Mummy's sing and we also went to hear Dave Brubeck and sons. Of course Mummy introduced me to the family. I found it fascinating to meet a whole family of musicians.

We have now moved to our new apartment in Brooklyn, just across the river from Manhattan. The exciting thing about it is that it has a garden plot. Having the garden really makes one feel as if you're not right in the middle of the biggest city in the world. The two of us have been working hard, as hard as possible in the face of Malombo tours and English essays of mine, to fix up the apartment. I have been sewing cushions and covers, and gardening, something I haven't done for years. Both of us have been painting walls and cleaning like mad too.

I will be returning to school in Wells next week facing two music exams in both singing and French Horn plus regular school exams. I also have a solo to look forward to at the end of term in the school's Cathedral concert. It is quite a trauma adjusting first to amazing New York then hopping back to little provincial Wells, but I do enjoy being able to benefit from both places.

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Mummy says to tell you that sh went to Selby Msimang's party at his own house and really enjoyed seeing all the old Liberal Party people Her trip to South Africa has made her very nostalgic for people and places there. She sends love to everyone.

Her work is going well but everthing moves very slowly in the beginning. She is working on a Malombo tour of the USA. She has got them a date at Carnegie Hall which is very prestigous indeed!!

I hope you are all well at Hilton Rd. and working hard. I doubt I'll be visiting South Africa for a very long time but I look forward to seeing you when I do. ALL MY LOVE ALEXANDRA XXXX