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Mr. Alan Paton,

Dear Sir,

Certainly you will be astonished by getting these lines from a person, totally unknown to you in our little northern country!

I am an old insignificant person who was so highly impressed and delighted by your "Kontakion", the wonderful book about your wife and your rich life together, I am so happy, that I found that book. It was through a review by the professor Herbert Tingsten, in a Swedish newspaper, which fell into my hands and I felt by reading this review that I had to go and buy your book immediately. I read it twice without stopping, and not only your life and your wife sprung to life but also my own life with my own dear deceased husband, who left me ten years ago. We also came together very young and innocent both of us, we have many mistakes and also sometimes hurt each other, but it was always followed by forgiveness in love, during 54 years.

I don't know if you read German, these words by the great Goethe:

"Wer nie sein Brot mit Tränen ass,
wer nie die kummerfullen Nächte
auf seinem Bette weinend sass,
der kennt Euch nicht, Ihr himmlischen Mächte."

You - and we too - have known "die kummervollen Nächte" and

the great happiness and that total connection in feelings and thoughts and unbroken faithfulness, which - alas - most of young people nowadays in our country find ridiculous and very oldfashioned. I pity them, they miss one of the most wonderful gifts of life.

- Forgive me my audacity to trouble you in my very bad and clumsy English, but you have given me so much by your "Antakion", that I simply had to thank you! It had been a true event in my lonely life to read it. It awakened to life so many happy memories of wonderful days, gone forever.

Yours truly and very gratefully

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