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Rev. Alan Paton  
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Dear Mr. Paton,

Mr. Alexandre, of The MacMillan Company, has kindly sent me a copy of your gracious note to him about my book, "Creative Brooding." May I take this opportunity to thank you personally for the beautiful expression of parental love expressed in your poem. Many people have said to me that this is the selection in the book to which they return again and again. Your book, "Cry the Beloved Country," remains in my memory as a cherished expression of love and suffering and injustice and hope.

May I ask your permission to use your comment on my book in advertising and publicity material relative to its promotion? I believe your words would significantly increase the numbers of people who might read its contents. If this would meet with your approval, would you be so kind as to write Mr. Alexandre at the MacMillan Company directly?

With warm thanks and deep appreciation, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Robert Raines*

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cc: Mr. Alexandre