

Feb. 25, 1993

Flora Veit-Wild
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Dear Flora,

I am enclosing a list of entries on Dambudzo Marechera taken from three successive volumes of my bibliography, Black African Literature in English. If some of these materials are not available to you, send me a list of the item numbers preceding the essays you need, and I'll try to supply as many as I can. Nothing published after 1986 is listed, but I am currently working on a 1987-1991 update of the bibliography and will send you a list of more recent scholarship soon.

I trust that your writing is going well. Please remember that our deadline is June 1st. Earlier submissions are of course welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Bernth Lindfors

P.S. I expect you have seen all these books and essays. If you notice any omissions, especially in the next set of references covering 1987-1991, please let me know.

June 14, 1993

Dr. Flora Veit-Wild
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Dear Flora,

This is a note to acknowledge with thanks your prompt delivery of the DLB entry on Dambudzo Marechera. I am also grateful for the wonderful illustrations and the diskette. I have obtained a copy of the cover of the new edition of The House of Hunger from Heinemann and will send that along with the other materials to DLB when the book is ready for the press.

I'll be back in touch with you again as the book approaches the production stage. I'm still waiting for a few tardy essays to come in.

I see from previous correspondence that I never supplied you with copies of several essays you requested. I'll see if I can dig those up in the next few days; some of them I may not have within easy reach. I may also have located a few additional bibliographical references from the Nigerian press to send you, but this kind of retrieval will have to wait until my current bibliographical project gets to the sorting stage (possibly the end of this summer).

Hope all is going well for you.

Best wishes,

Bernth Lindfors

November 15, 1993

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Dear Flora,

Thank you for agreeing to prepare an entry on Dambudzo Marechera for the third volume of the Dictionary of Literary Biography's Twentieth-Century Caribbean and Black African Writers. Please note that the entry should run between 6000 and 6500 words instead of between 4000 and 5000 words as previously stated. The publisher has given us more space for each of the entries in this volume so you will be able to deal with your author in greater detail.

I am enclosing:

1. a memorandum of agreement which you should sign, address and date;
2. a contributor's questionnaire which you should fill out with your addresses, phone numbers, and fax number;
3. a contributor's style sheet;
4. a sample essay from the first volume in the series.

Please return items 1 and 2 to me at your earliest convenience. If any questions arise while you are preparing your entry for the volume, do not hesitate to contact me at the address above or by phone at 512-472-4712 (home) or 512-471-5522 (office) or by fax at 512-471-4909. Please keep in mind that our deadline is 1 June 1993.

Thanks again for offering to join us in this project.

Sincerely yours,

Bernth Lindfors

P.S. I'll be attending the African Studies Association conference in Seattle next weekend and will ask the new editors of RAL (Abiola Irele and Ken Harrow) about your pieces then. I suspect they are still trying to sort out the materials Bjornson left behind.

The new Marechera book looks wonderful! I'm looking forward to reading it as soon as the holidays begin. Zell will be in Seattle too, so the book should get good publicity in the Africanist community in the USA