

5 January 1983

Dear Phyllis —

Although the past months have not been the happiest, I still want to inject a note of good cheer by wishing you a happy birthday and a healthy 1983. I am an eternal optimist, disgustingly so (I am told), and I can see some good in almost any situation. The way I see it, 1983 has got to be better than 1982 because how could it be worse?

I got a letter from Sukhthi and I sent her a gift. I follow her progress with great interest. She is one of my favorites and I predict great things for her. Exactly what, I can't say...

Do you plan to stay in Lesotho? I can understand your wanting to leave and I can also understand your wanting to stay.

As for me, I now think I may stay in the States for three years? I say that, but such long range plans aint worth much, are they? Fate may well have other things in store for me...

My news is that I've moved and I have a new address. It is
7731 Eads Avenue
La Jolla
California 92037
U.S.A.

Drink a toast (even if it's coffee) in honor of your birthday and imagine I have made a ridiculous speech for the occasion —

love,
Jimbo