

To [REDACTED], Dear Lady M.

∴ This handwritten note is payback for every book in which you do not have my autograph. ∴

∴ Not sorry. ∴ Why? **A SPELL!!**
All these years, first magician I've told is YOU! ∴ For a **MAGIC SPELL!!**
I decline autographs.
Better off without one. Don't tell. ∴

∴ Yes I am Mental ∴ and I don't know if it works. Poets are strange and I'm Welsh. ∴

∴ ~~PLEASE~~ Please test the Spell. Thanks.
∴ Stare **HARD** into an unsigned book's Front Page. ∴ **SHAZAM!!**
∴ You, Lady M, are one of them the poet had IN MIND while writing!!

∴ Look for it, you'll see a pale glow.
Akashick Portal to "Writer's Autograph" & misc. stuff. There will be a "Good Wish" for ^{you} my dear Intended Audience!!! ∴

∴ **Neurotic Fantasy???**
I guess, But Not A Lie. ∴

∴ I've mellowed. I sign books now the way you'd sign balloons, for the Most Excellent Causes, or for Happy Children. ∴
∴ Obscure the Portal tho. ∴

∴ And the paintings? There the autographs are just receipts for messages received. ∴

∴ But an artist signing work seems so corrupt. ∴ **Me a Star in this World???** No thanks.
∴ ~~Shove it up~~ ∴ I mean frankly ∴

∴ I have memories. ∴ I've sold 1 painting excess 1,000 Bucks, had 1 1-guy gallery show, even won a real Sculpture Prize, and tore a painting off a gallery wall once. I have a witness. I seceded from 2 artist clubs. ∴

∴ But Books Are Not Like That.
Books are **SPIRITUAL!!!** Right? ∴
Poetry especially. ∴ **Right???** ∴
Right? Right? ∴

∴ My dear old friend from the old days, I'll be glad to sign any stack of books etc. when next we meet. ∴ Will a handwritten letter suffice for now? I feel no Mental allergy at all. ∴

∴ This letter psychically contains more thanks than I can write, for your oft-repeated optimism in my work!!! ∴

- Your friend Stone Riley

Stone Riley
03-14-2020

{- Transcript Of Handwritten Page -}

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{- Signature -}

{- Date -}

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**Well, I'm stuck at home.** "Plague" (the Albert Camus laugh riot novel & musical extravaganza about a plague in France.) I've found an illustrated audio book of it in a sailor's chest in the attic and we will try to play it on the wind up victrola tonight after our dinner of gristle sausages.

But I HAVE NOT driven out from our house to MAIL your HANDMADE FOLLOW-UP ENVELOPE with its HANDWRITTEN poem-letter "Addendum" to the "Stack Of Booklets" I sent last week.

This is just to let you know the handwritten poem letter addendum (for the booklets), will be on its way soon, in its artist paper handmade envelope.

But what is in the letter poem?? Well it's a secret. It's handwritten in ink and there's my BIG SHOWY AUTOGRAPH on the bottom. And it's about WHY I HATE SIGNING BOOKS. You don't want me to.

I HAVE A MAGIC SPELL GOING !!! Really a neurotic taboo, but you'll be the only one who knows and you'll have a big autograph on an ink poem a poet addressed to you, full of good wishes. I hope that's OK.