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Dear mr Rubinstein.

I am a fifteen years old Swedish boy, very interested in music. My favourite instrument above all the rest is - and has always been - the piano, which I first learned to play about six years ago. However, I wasn't too interested in the beginning, and to my regret I must admit that it is not until the last eighteen months, that I've begun to take my training seriously. This brings us to my problem - and my reason for writing this letter to you.

The fact is, that I quite recently came across your most interesting book "My many years", in which you explain that one can't become a successful musician without a natural gift. This seems logical to me, and my question runs as follows: Is it too late to go into purposeful training at my age, even <u>if</u> one has a strong feeling for music?

If it isn't too much to ask, I should be very much obliged to you if you would be kind enough to write me a few lines in answer to my question - it would mean so much to me.

Yours sincerely,

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