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December 17, '70

Dearest Mama and Papa,

I have been terribly bad about writing ever since school started, and I hope you will forgive me. But I have just barely been able to get my work done on time, let alone anything else. The academic standards at Columbia are really very stiff, and in fact I am not sure that I will be able to stay in, but I'm going to try as long as I can. I really haven't had anything to write about since all my time is taken up studying. The only place I've gone is to Eva's photo show, which was wonderful, and to one of the Barenboim concerts last Friday. (Beethoven 'cello and piano sonatas). My friends Jane and Mark from Philadelphia are coming to New York this weekend and I will go to a play with them, even though I have two long papers to write by January 14th, and really shouldn't go anywhere. So much for that. Oh--I saw Jason at Paul's the other day for an hour--he is getting bigger (of course) and is full of energy. I talked to Johnny on his birthday and have not heard from him since then. Eva flew to Ireland to spend Christmas with Sean there, and will be back at the end of the month.

Papa--thank you for your letter!! What a beautiful surprise!! I felt even more guilty that I hadn't written in all that time, but I am hoping you will understand...How is the book coming? Will it be finished this year? (or shouldn't I ask)? I was so glad to hear how well all the concerts went in Europe; you must be glad to have a few days off now!

I can't wait to see you both again! Please let me know your flight number and time so I can come and meet you at the airport on the 26th. There is a cab strike and a fuel strike on right now, but the fuel strike only just started, so the heat hasn't gone off yet. Maybe it won't. At least the weather has been quite decent up till now. You see, I really have nothing very interesting to tell you about!!

Anyway, I love you very much in spite of my long silence and I hope you know that! And I will see you in less than ten days now!

Your bad silly stupid daughter
Lali

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Love to Nina, Mme. Fajon, and everyone nice!

Please let me know about flight!! ♡ ♡