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Dear Carolyn:

First of all, many thanks for the memorial book for Victor. It is as beautiful as anything you have ever done and I shall treasure it along with the others.

There are several things I have been meaning to write about. First of these is that there is a misprint in the Selected Poems version of the "Responsory which John Jacob Niles has set to music and which is to be sung in a few days at Transylvania. The misprint is in line 24 (right at the bottom of the page in the new edition). The line says wrongly "blooming" ~~spheres~~ spheres. The word should be booming. (It might have given him a different idea!) As I don't have his address, may I entrust you with the mission of letting him know about it? Hope it is not too late. Also, J. said that any business with the publisher should go through New Directions (about rights etc). If his music publisher ~~MEM~~ would contact J. in due time, that would be the way to do it.

Last Monday, 20th, I was in Lexington and called you a couple of times both at the library and at home, but failed to get you. As I was two and a half hours in a dentist's chair at the medical center and did not know in advance when I would return here, I could not plan on anything ahead of time. But I will be back next Wednesday morning, and hope to get to the library to do a little work. I'll call you or look you up then. I have a dentist's appointment at one, which doesn't leave time for lunch etc but at least it would be good to see you a moment. Later too I hope to see whoever it is in charge of the collection there, when we have worked out the "rules for use" that are being devised now. The Trust agreement is all signed and it seems workable.

In December I am going to have a seminar affair with some nuns here and then other things will keep me tied up until Christmas. I hope that we can look forward to something later on, in January some time, if it is not too cold. As to Denise Levertov: Wendell Berry hopes to bring her over for a brief visit when she is here. I have met him and like his work. I hope in January or so we can plan a picnic with Bob, Jonathan, anyone you like. Keep well. My best wishes always,

Tom.