

Hi Donna,

Ah! but we didn't agree that I can't use the "stationery." I think it will be a lot of fun experimenting with this new idea.

I'm thinking non-prayers right now, particularly for your leg from Boston to Portland? Hope Debbie remembered your coat.

Boy, were we lucky! Just as I was approaching the area where Borders is (I was of course on the opposite side of the highway), I saw this huge cloud of smoke, a fire truck, and traffic absolutely stalled. As I got closer, I could see that a truck, perhaps a one-ton, was all but destroyed from a fire. I couldn't tell if another vehicle was involved. Had your flight been 30-45 minutes later, we might not have made it. Traffic was backed up from the Borders vicinity, all three lanes, almost to downtown. I wondered if some of your energy stuff was at work and allowed us to miss that accident.

I forgot to ask you if you liked the coat I wore this morning. My sister made it. Every seam is as perfectly matched as is possible. I wear it as often as the weather allows; I really like it.

I gave Jeanne E. the cassette. She was very pleased to have it. I also told her that I thought you said you were going to recommend something to read about the Native Americans. She welcomes that. She's on Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee for the third time.

Good thing I was planning to pick up some glass I ordered last week and exchange some they had butchered from my last box of 5 x 7. I was there quite a while waiting for them to cut the replacement pieces. If I had come straight home, I fear I would have wanted to sit down and cry. I wanted to do it anyway but didn't let myself because I had to do this errand. My heart is very full of joy, but I also have this kind of empty feeling. I will make the joy part of it last until I see you again. And, I promise you, as one whom I know cares about me, to make a concerted effort to work on those things that need some attention.

I wonder if it's OK to drill a hole in my special rock so I can wear it around my neck. I have a Dremel drill which has the capability of drilling through rocks. If it's OK to do it, I'll practice on something else first. I have some pieces of agate which I've been meaning to drill for sometime but haven't gotten around to it.

How I value this friendship! It's only gotten better. Much love,

*Joanne*

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