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Miss Johanna Freedman 315 Via de la Paz Pacific Palisades, California

Dear Miss Freedman:

One mark of the poet is his ability to react sensitively to a wide range of experiences. By this criterion, you are certainly a budding poet. Your lines deal with a wide variety of subject matter, but your perception is uniformly keen and compassionate. "The Sea," for instance, is a surging, restless, beautifully realized work. And "Fairyland" has a floating, luminescent quality that evokes a bittersweet nostalgia, for it has been a long time since most of us dreamed such a dream as it describes. Your other verses are equally arresting. Again, my congratulations on your accomplishment and on the future that will be yours.

Warmest regards,

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