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C.P. South Africa.
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Dear David,

Here are the poems I promised to send you. There are some comments on some poems., not all. One day I shall come to the States and do a reading of my poetry!!!! Then I shall be able to make my comments as I go along. If a poetry-reading can be organized to take place at, with or during the course of the exhibition, then it would be marvellous. I have written a thank-you note to the audience. Regret i cannot be around myself just yet.

My best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Peter

Peter E. Clarke

Peter Clarke,
Ocean View, C.P.
South Africa. Nov.1973.

A note from Peter Clarke to the audience

A philosopher named Lao-tse once said, "... the wise man looks into space and does not regard the small as too little, nor the great as too big, For he knows that there is no limit to dimensions".

That is true. Quiet, not at all earth-shattering wisdom. Beautifully simple, so simple that it is joyful with the joy that should be shared.

Everything I produce is created firstly for myself out of that urge generated by the agony and joy of my existence. But one is a part of people, an individual among a mass of other individuals. So one's artistic creation is meant not entirely for oneself and one's own indulgence. I am only another person. I am also another person.

So, although vast oceans lie between the continents and our countries, keeping us apart, I am happy to have been able to make contact with you and to have had you as my audience today. And because you have made contact with my work, we are not as much strangers as we were before you got to know of my existence in this, seemingly faraway, portion of Africa.

I have held out my hand to you. I hope it was a pleasant meeting.

Peter Clarke