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Dear Evelyn + Robert:

This is the most difficult letter I have ever had to write + I want you to forgive me if I impose too heavily upon your friendship which I have treasured these many years. I am in great financial distress + must open up to some one. I don't know what will happen to me if no relief comes. It is worse than going through those years of war + tragedy, from affluence, + a beautiful home + honour to a small ugly room without proper conveniences - no work - no money + no outlet for my talents. + no longer go I can't take it any more. I'm ill with worry + fear. I know I should know that God is my protector + supply, but Darling it is hard when in my present plight to keep firm hold of what I do know is true.



2 I have worked when work was available but on the whole only young people are wanted. Also the Aircraft-Plants are discharging workers rather than taking any on.

I can receive money from Eng - only at intervals - the last was almost a year ago £125 - \$500. By living so very modestly, going without necessities - clothes + proper food I've managed to reach today - Now I have just 13% left + don't know when I'll get my next amount from London.

I wrote today to my lawyer to sell the greater portion of my possessions in London to <sup>reconvert</sup> ~~augment~~ my fast dwindling money. The loss of my home there <sup>which had my earning capacity -</sup> ~~now the~~ <sup>discontinuance of the</sup> which bore my name + from which I drew a good <sup>steady</sup> income. has even since I came over to America has made my security almost a thing of the past.



I owe 3 months rent - + had 7  
not - had an understanding  
Landlord (a Christian Scientist -).  
who knows the ~~was~~ difficulties  
attending getting money from  
England, I would have been  
evicted long ago with  
no place to go to.

~~We read the lesson together  
several times~~

now he asks for the rent -  
over \$100 for he truly  
needs it. He is not a  
rich man

When I had to give up  
my Parents Home on Lucile  
Avenue in 1945 - where I  
could have taught - music  
+ Dancing, rented part  
of the house + sold the three  
flower lots - 60' x 150' each.  
+ paid off the mortgage in  
a short time, I had to  
store all my things.

Furniture lots of lovely books  
+ china ~~things~~ <sup>which</sup> Mrs. Willard  
gave me, music, records,  
stage costumes etc.

This the last link between  
me + a new ~~to~~ life of  
promise was gone. I wept -  
bitter tears.

now the storage bill for  
the last year is due +



4/7  
I've received notice that  
unless the amount is  
paid by this coming Friday  
15<sup>th</sup> the goods will be  
sold at warehouse Auction  
on ~~the~~ April the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Should they not-realize  
their \$1,25 (am't of the bill)  
I will be held for the  
difference + still lose all.

My friend Muma the Artist  
often brings me to her  
home (where I am today)  
because she feels I am  
not-having proper care -  
It is the only way she  
can help me + I appreciate  
her kindness oh so much  
but I feel so embarrassed  
for I can do nothing in  
return + I know she is  
having her troubles too.

Dear Friends I have  
hesitated to burden you  
but the last-moment has  
be arrived. + I at least  
must

I tried to get a post-at-  
Colleges the U.S.C + U.C.L.A.  
but they cannot-consider  
me because I have no  
degree in the Art of the Dance!



5. From whom could I get a degree \$ in ~~an art~~ ~~of the art~~ form of the art - I created myself, toured the world with phenomenal success + received the acclaim of the finest critics in the world. It is too ridiculous to think of. And how discouraging! What good has it done me to have slaved to bring beauty to millions if, at my age, + with my experience + achievement + knowledge I am ~~disbarred~~ deprived of passing my work on to the coming generation because of red tape.

I've not been able to teach privately because I've had no money to rent a Dance Studio or + advertise.

Dear friends please let me know at once if you can possibly help me I have no one else I can turn to.

In any case I know I'll not lose your friendship for having written this letter to you. Although we see each other so seldom I think of you very often! Love you dearly.



I have  
I promise the return  
of the money as soon  
as I can. It sounds  
funny to say that, but  
considering my present  
plight position but  
believe me - I will  
& luck may come  
my way again - if  
time

Devotedly  
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I will be here till for a  
few days.