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My dear Yehudi:

In the course of my current endeavor to write an article in response to a request from Strad magazine, I came upon this magnificent tribute to Georges Enesco, which no one could have written except you:

"The radiance he emanated, his deep humanity, integrity, and tolerance--it all came out in the music he made, and in his teaching. I loved to watch his face, the most beautiful and expressive I have ever known, reflecting the mood of the music we were playing, quietly lyrical or alive with ecstasy and suffering, and always retaining its characteristic gentle manliness...Enesco will always remain the Absolute by which I judge others."

These profoundly moving words tell me as much about you as about Enesco. They evoke cherished memories of our long friendship, and of your own "deep humanity, integrity and tolerance". May I have your permission to use the Enesco quotation in my article? I shall send you a copy of it when it is finished.

Far too much time has passed since our last reunion. I hope that you and Diana are as fit as fiddles, and look forward to hearing from you.

With fondest good wishes for a happy new year,

Yours devotedly,

Henri

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HT:lmb