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Dear Mr. Temianka

I don't know where to begin thanking you - or where to stop, for that matter...

You're right, I am shy in person, so it's much easier for me to write down my feelings... I'm filled with respect, trust and appreciation for you and what you have and are doing for me. I can hardly wait to settle into a routine of lessons, coachings and talks with you!

I am so very grateful that you are the kind of person you are and that you supported my decision to go to New York last year... you probably knew that I'm not cut out, musically or personally, for the Juilliard Factory, and yet you let me find that out for myself instead of treating me like a child and "protecting" me. This is only one of the many things I am grateful to you for.

I was very touched when he was in San Francisco and you spoke to me about "broadening my horizons"... It made me so happy to know that you care not only about my musical development, but my personal and cultural development as well - I'm sure with that with your guidance I can become the sort of well-rounded person I want to be - and I want to thank you for being so generous in offering your assistance in that area, too.

I really could go on forever, but I am beginning to feel shy again...

You know that my family life has been far from normal which is another reason I treasure your devotion to me. Excuse me if I'm getting a bit carried away, but I want to tell you that in every way you have been for me the father I always wanted. I'm not sure that's a very nice thing to admit, (not that I would ever tell my father this) but I just want you to know how deeply I love you and how much it means to me that you are always there for me.

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Love,
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