

Sta Clara County Jail  
December 3, 1971, evening

Dearest Ericka,

Your letter, the first from out there to in here, its flowers, its promise made me feel happy inside.

This jail is the most jail-like jail I've seen yet. Everything grey and sealed off in little glass cubicles. The clanging and ringing, hanging and buzzing of electronic doors and secret oppressors' signals you hear thruout the day and into the night. George lived eleven years of this, this and much worse, forging his strength and beauty and love against and despite it all.

I hope you've been getting all the spoken messages- solidarity, love- I've been sending out whenever I can thru whomever I can, whomever will see you. Last week- I think it was then- it was good to be together, however briefly, with a very beautiful comrade brother. We had waited so long.

I have felt ashamed that it has taken so long to do the material I promised. For what was like an eternity it was so hard to do anything that might evoke memories of what might have been if someone I, we all, loved very deeply had not been torn away that way from us. (There is a very real continuity, visions and realities of scores of thousands breaking the chains so as to reach out further towards freedom). During these last months I have immersed myself in other things, thoughts of the way from vision to reality that would also in the interval keep me afloat.

Now, I am working on the things for your poems, they should soon be done, I hope, I promise. (very soon)

Our last meeting was so brief, it seems, so much I wanted to tell you still unsaid.

I finally found a way to wear and keep the shawl, strongly, uncomromisingly insisting that it was the only thing that would keep me warm. And it's true, its warmth goes

much deeper than they could ever begin to suspect.

Give love to everyone and Mai, she's here? For her, a very special embrace, full of love.

Love you comrade sister  
and much solidarity

Angela

p. s. on Sunday morning, Dec. 4: Ericka, I drew up a draft for the intro. this morning. It needs more work, but perhaps you could tell me if you think the overall thrust is o. k. Rather than a long introduction, I decided to do a shorter one and some other short things also. I have no copies of the other drafts, I've done, but I'll make some soon and will get them to you this week. More love, A.