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Dear Ms. Kertes,

I appreciated so much your note about the Muriel Rukeyser review, and apologize for being so long in writing. I meant to reply right away, but then misplaced the note, and in the midst of a couple of trips, got further and further behind.

Since writing the review, I keep going back to the poems, pleased to get to know them better and finding my enthusiasm for them increasing with each reading. My word, she is a gift to the time, isn't she? I remember being thrilled, too, when the NECEA meeting at Assumption was the occasion of your meeting her for the first time; and I am doubly thrilled now to hear that the book is on its way. Please do send me a copy--I will do my best to place a review somewhere--perhaps the publisher might send a copy to Margaret Weeks at the Chronicle, suggesting my doing a follow-up on it or whatever. Did you see the good article about her in a recent MS., which mentioned a film I have not seen?

I have been enjoying writing for the Chronicle, mainly because people do read it and respond. It makes one feel that writing matters somehow, and that is a great treat for those of us who have to work hard to get words down on paper. I would be interested in your comments, criticisms, whatever of the review--I meant it to be very positive, but in re-reading it just today, it struck me as more "objective" than I intended-- maybe because I was anxious to write more than just a "notice"; I want so much for Rukeyser to be taken seriously and loved, in a way that she often has not been. Did I perhaps try too hard?

That is terrific that Eberhart and Rexroth wrote something for your book. I look forward to seeing it. And thank you so much for writing!

Sincerely,

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