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"I saw a companionship between man and all creation;  
And flights of birds and butterflies drawing nigh  
to him in safety,  
And gazelles flocking to the pool, trusting."

- Khalil Gibran

Dear Anwar,

Does this by any chance look familiar? The cold weather comes, crisp and even, but my roses keep growing and the poinsettias are bright red like Christmas! How time flies! We must make the most of it! How are the days treating you? And the travel? I heard you were in Washington again for a week, what enjoy (AA). Meanwhile my parents and grandmother came to visit us Nov. 19-29 and we had a simply marvelous time. A truly great Thanksgiving. I have much to be thankful for, for I was blessed with a lovely family and I'm so happy I know it and that it is so!

And you know? I also have a very dear friend and feel very fortunate. Do you know him by chance? He's a wonderful person, really. Once we saw Washington in the early morning. And he's a marvelous speaker too, among other many things. He's one of those special people who've been blessed too. And I'm the luckier for being able to know him. Well, you'll just have to keep guessing...

I'm sending you a copy of "What it takes to be human" which I wrote in 1964 and gave at Chapel at Colby Jr. College, my first "speech". I found it among my things, and thought of you. At that time, in 1964, I thought that needed to be said, considering much of the apathy which seemed to exist. It still holds true. I wonder what school is like today in the US of A! Times sure change, and us with it! We are always learning, aren't we? And others learn from us too.

"You inspire confidence". Probably because you are human, compassionate and understanding. This Christmas I wish you love and success for the New Year. May your wishes come true.

Linda