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Dear Maria Louise,

I am delighted to hear that you are coming to New York sometimes in September. It will be so good to see you again. I have not been well - and I have been out of the world for a long time, and my heart is full of deep silences, unsung songs. And I am extremely restless. All these are signs of old age. Perhaps they are signs of a second youth in that I feel I must express myself in new forms of beauty.

Do let me know more about your coming East.  
With exception of a

short visit to this or that  
place near New York. I shall  
be free throughout the  
month of September.

Please remember me in  
kindness to your mother,  
and then to other members  
of your family.

Ever faithfully

Wahlberg