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Miss Brenda Ueland  
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Dear Miss Ueland:

What a pleasure to have your very nice note. But you did not enclose your column about my book, which, naturally, I am dying to see. What you did send me, with a corner cut out, was the PEACE NEWS, which I am returning to you. Like a cowboy in full gallop, as you say, you must have let my clipping get blown off your desk in the whirlwind of passing. And since I would like to see it, I am letting you know that it failed to arrive. I do things like that, too, sometimes, putting different people's letters in the wrong envelopes, especially when I am in a hurry.

I wonder if you ever saw my latest juvenile, THE FIRST BOOK OF RHYTHMS? If not, I would like to send you one.

After many months of silence, I have recently had a letter from Noel, and he seems to be fine. I imagine right now he is busy with the annual summer Bach Festival in which he usually takes a leading part.

My summer is taken up with writing deadlines which keep me galloping to try to hurdle. This week I am getting off to press a little book on the history of jazz for children, the first one so far as I know, ever written especially for young people.

Meanwhile, all my good wishes to you, and thanks for the clipping to which I shall look forward to receiving.

Sincerely yours,

*Langston Hughes*  
Langston Hughes

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