

Broadway  
West Croydon

June 11, 1904. Surrey  
England.

My dear Sir,

With the greatest pleasure, as one of your English admirers, do I take up my pen to indite you a few words of cordial greeting for your birthday on June 15. Doubtless you will receive many such messages from people of all nationalities, as your name is so greatly loved & revered by musicians & music-lovers all over the civilised world, and those who do not venture to trouble you will, I am sure in their hearts wish you well. Personally however, I would assure you of my very high regard & esteem, & wish you many happy returns for your birth anniversary on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

I can but feebly express to you my  
gratitude for the many delightful  
hours I have spent, and do spend  
in the enjoyable study of your  
divine music. I am much indebted  
to you for this, and from my heart  
I thank you. Owing to indifferent  
health precluding my indulgence in  
athletic sports of any kind, I seek,  
to find, recreation in a study of  
music such like quiet pastimes,  
therefore you will readily understand  
how grateful I am to you for the  
pleasure you have given ~~me~~ me  
I do hope that this world may  
prove full of happiness to you,  
& ~~be~~ lacking evil & trouble as far  
as is possible. Especially do I wish  
you excellent health, as I regret to  
hear that you too, have indifferent  
health. Nothing I feel adds to life  
or detracts from it more than  
the physical state, therefore in  
all bodily trouble I sympathise  
with you. It makes me sad to  
know that one who has given so  
much pleasure to musicians in all

Countries should be tried physically.  
I pray that you may be kept in  
better health, so that you may be  
able once again to visit this country.  
Kindly accept my dear Sir, these  
poorly expressed words of mine as  
heartfelt & sincere, & as coming  
from one who holds your name  
very dear & your music very  
precious.

Will you kindly oblige by  
answering the following questions  
for me :-

1. Where may I find a brief  
& authentic sketch of your life & work?  
I much desire to have the opportunity  
of perusing such.

2. Where may a good portrait  
of yourself be procured? I am very  
anxious to have a good one for  
framing.

3. Ere closing may I make a  
request of you, ~~which~~ which I shall  
be very grateful to you, if you  
can accede to. I much wish to have

to place in my musical library the  
manuscript of one of your beautiful  
songs, or any mss. or fragment of  
manuscript you can spare. Can  
you present one of your English  
admirers with such? It would  
give me the keenest pleasure to have  
such an interesting personal  
memento of yourself, and I am sure  
it would give much additional  
interest to my music, & especially  
to that I have composed by yourself.  
Forgive me if I ask too much, but  
grant my request if possible.  
With my kindest regards  
& best wishes & praying that the  
Supreme Being may abundantly  
bless you, & yours.

I am, my dear Sir,  
Very sincerely & gratefully  
Yours,

J. H. S. Jackson.

Herr, Edvard  
Grieg.

P.S.

I trust this letter will reach you safely. I sent a letter last year to you of birthday congratulation but as I had no answer I fear it missed you. I wish you were shortly coming to England again, but I suppose if health permits you will do so.

J.H.S.D.