

Brighton Heights
April 22nd

Mr. Edward Grieg
Dear Sir

I do not know whether
you read or speak English,
but as I am more at home
in my own language I write
also in that, hoping you may
be able to understand me
better than by my imperfect
German attempt.

My friend Miss Bishop &
I are anxious to study with
you for about two months
of this summer and this.
We do not know whether
you take pupils, we are in
hopes you will be willing to
make an exception in our
favor as we come from so
great a distance - Your
music so beautiful, weird
and interesting has charmed
us both, and the beautiful
Norwegian country would be

such a rest and novelty
for us to enjoy between the
working hours —

My Bishop has studied
four years in Germany with
Herr. Oscar Raif Hochschule
Berlin (Joachim being at the
head) and one summer
with Liezt in Denmark —

I was in Dresden with
Jean Louis Picoté (Conser-
vatorium) and two years with
Oscar Raif in Berlin —

We have been taught to pro-
ceed carefully, and I think
the teaching that would come
from you would not be in-
ferior to you, as we would
be attentive and so you
of our exertion every way
we could — We would be satis-
fied with little attention —
One lesson a week if you
thought it sufficient,

And study if you allow
it some of your works -
He should want to sail
about June 27th or so, and
return the middle of Sep-
tember to New York. We
have studied the route care-
fully, and will need only
a word from you as to
your willingness to take us -
It is our very great and
mutual ambition to excel
that causes us to make his
request, which we hope
will be successful - If
you write in German I can
perfectly understand and
read your reply -

Mr. Müntz whom we
called on a short time ago
asked to have his regards
sent to you. He also showed
us some Norwegian

Pictures among them your
little house where you
compose your works and
compositions -

With the hope of a speedy
reply favorable in tone
and heart you ^{in advance!}
kindness of a reply

Very sincerely

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