

# **Missives for Curtis Gram**

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*A darkness strange has descended upon this  
earth*

*It's the blind who see the most today  
The world stalls without the counsel  
of those hearts rid of love - grace - hearts that  
compassion won't agitate,*

*And upon the hearts of those that  
still believe in men, in the  
truth and law of piety, in its art and quest  
hyenas and vultures feast.*

*~Jibanananda Das  
translated by Aryanil Mukherjee*

8/10

We see the staging absolutely here yes.

Master like notion directing but it is.

Formations.

Note taken that carve.

Obliterate beneath.

Knowledges.

The performed and the best.

The now silenced strata the metaphorically  
southern.

Permission is unable.

8/22

Planning.

Buzzed and absent.

Bound.

To agonize over one more tight.

Map woven with.

Fashion dress over evidence.

From eight tabloid.

Until the blouses.

Bleary.

Trendy.

8/28

Our sentences we realize Curtis we have.  
Studio no more we open and now spend.  
Considerable.  
Influence on influence and do not have.  
Leave.

9/1

Curtis.

Hear that.

Does not come wedge grace and restrained.

Challenge.

Is not you who speak.

To be helpful reach.

Contemporaries they are not.

Survival.

9/22

I mean the affair.  
Depends upon letter.  
Escaped notice.  
Flatter us.

9/23

Negotiating is not easy and involves chamber keys.

From their sounding.

Fumbling search.

Hands accustomed to the task.

A binder.

Imaginary pocket-book or.

Care to have done.

Allude.

Dint of oversight.

Whatever seems pressed creases.



10/8

Curtis poor love we say The Great Reform as  
if over.

Tips of happy laborers.

Each newcomer thinks lace in lieu of.

Dislocation the very first thing begins.

Impossible guarantee.

Without invitation are.

Members still enjoying that naïve isolation we  
miss you dearly so discrete what *arc de  
trionphe.*

Charm.

We are only pieces.

Young man.

We continue to expand necessarily.

While our thoughts falling touch the suit.

10/17

Old Curtis.  
The relationship.  
Fight.  
Obituary.  
Well preserved.

(The obituary cannot reject the relationship.)

10/21

Imagine Curtis.  
One expansion to limit.  
Investments to pursue.  
Writing.  
Preserved.  
Strata.  
Rigorous.  
To alleviate even distinct friends.  
Dates of needless imbalances to truly take.  
Long.  
Dug.  
Beyond.  
Performance.

11/26

There is always a.  
Weakly.  
Budging coat pocket.  
Dress blathering.  
The room.

(There is always a fool.  
There is always a bar.  
There is always a pen.

There is always a sash around the waist.  
There is always a case for gloves.  
There is always watching by the window.

No one wants to take them from you.  
No one wants blathering research.)

11/28

Such citizenship.

Independence.

Depends unilluminated intrigued against.

Proper fruition.

Folds ourselves eager.

But here factors are squeamish predatory  
some vaunt coffee and rubber sugar leaned of  
the blood prevents.

Casual quality.

Heavily aroused.

Falls.

A mature.

11/29

Curtis okay but that is it.

The.

Disgraced planning buzzes in some way.

Perfect maybe.

Our voices and.

Bodies wait.

Broken speaker dangling almost.

Dated cold improves all can see.

Button down as we are.

All.

Fingers the imaginary billfold forget who.

Pose to lose.

Then carefully draw.

Glitter pen.

Paper.

12/1

Curtis not a particularly happy moment this  
whited abiding new found in.

Desirable climate.

Bundles of ice sky-tilted the great file of the  
stories drains.

Length.

On (as) the present.

Recent topography once certain.

A one-crop gambler.

12/2

Curtis we.

Produce a decked integrating unable.

Things placed across the paper tear.

Bother the audience the (villains).

We (execute) and it goes (hard) but we.

Instruction.

Record and a scroll and piles.



12/5

Curtis ultimately it is a small-market effort  
this splintered.

Picture.

Beautiful.

The determinant ray out.

Bolts of old red denim wine letters foci side-  
by-side we.

Mining.

Revindication.

12/11

Curtis we slip.

We.

Tousled sultry.

12/24

Generally we miss.

Base nowadays scant relied.

Offspring.

Orbits.

To have any adjectives specifically.

Interests only.

12/26

For.

Our.

Blue.

Status.

Hangs open like high dark chimes.

Din preening tall hesitant permission.