

Oh King

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its like casey said...that between the time the day ends and the dark comes to the Delta, the sun is gold. Also, Mrs. Hamer sings...I am obsessed with 1 or 2 things. how are you?

i cant remember the poem about sitwell, about jane finding her pet hen... and it isnt in the greenwood amalgamated certified dewey decimal system at all.

or i cant get to it

which is interesting and could be explored further on some futher date

yes i know about the activist publication

i am not the person to do the article and suggest mendey samstein who is very politically oriented like. or something.

things are piling up, dear heart, and please try to accept my effort to stay somewhere near the top of them because what i have to write and say has to be written and said and it is better than the activist and i have to believe in that

often i dont like tonight...and i dont know whats the matter or how to say the right thing to you but i wish it werent so whatever it is that is hurting and wish it would go away and not come back, for a while, until later

forgive me for not knowing

you are trying to help me and get me things to write and i know it and it makes me happy because you take the time to write me and say do some thing if you want to for the activist and people always think of lil smith as a "courageous woman from the south" but she wants to be thought of as a writer

i begin to understand that...

am not a freedom fighter, am a poet without a poem yet. you are the only one in the movement who accepts this so far and it makes me very grateful because i dont know whether i can write or not but if i cant, then i cant do anything

but i am not responding to your requests and this hurts me and i dont know what to do because i know if you take the time to ask me and then i dont do it, you will have to do it yourself and you can but i dont want you to have to - sometimes

or something like that. i have just finished two weeks of slowly reading slowly james baldwins giovannis room and it is the most brave...well, i dont feel like reading anything else for a long time, just writing...

paris must be preferable to greenwood...but when i was in paris, they burned a bus in alabama and i came home...HOME? dick frey has a haircut and so does willy and it is sad to watch sam block and people here are good and bob moses said - people will always be expended, the question is - are they ever expendible? and that is bob moses. period.

forgive me another time i know a place where we'll have coffee sometime...yes!

I will do A THING ON FOOD + CLOTHES

*Jane*