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My dear Roger I do hate to  
think of you mewed up in  
Fitzroy Street in only one room,  
& doubly I hate it because  
of the pampered existence  
I am leading here with my  
sham illness. I think of you  
getting every day more wan.

Come soon & see what lots  
of flowers we've got already  
in our garden. Come & listen  
to birds beginning to sing and

flies beginning to buzz. There's not much else to allure you but all the creature comforts are here & peace so far as it can come from outside & two people who'd like you to be with them. I don't think very

well of myself as a confidant. Sometimes mysteriously I say nothing at all when most I've got things I'd like to say. About your work I have to be dumb from ignorance. I feel that if I were to plunge I should oblige you to think just the opposite otherwise I'd tell you several things ~~that~~ that I suspect about your

exhibition. I suspect that it ought to keep the painters awake in their beds at night & I dare say someday you'll find that it has one or two.

I'm in a room with four windows & the sun is coming in at three of them. I wish you were just going to come in at the door instead of a person collecting letters to post. Ray will be here for the week end - Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Won't you come on Monday <sup>when she goes?</sup>

Yours

P. Strachey

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P. S. The post is just going  
+ I've just read what I  
wrote this morning + it seems  
perfectly horrid + as if I didn't  
want to help you to pull off  
your attempt. I send it all  
the same because it isn't really  
that. I do think you have  
been making a most gallant  
attempt - it makes me  
admire + like you very  
much only I can't believe

its the way to save your  
treasure. So I can't  
be any good except the  
remote good of wishing  
you could succeed & hating  
to see you dashed on rocks.  
This doesn't seem any  
better than the first. How  
hopeless. Do try & put the  
least repellent expression of  
voice into it all that you  
can. Yes P.S.

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