

TO SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

When I heard today that you had died,
I felt a loss for me, for us;
For my sisters, the women of my generation
who admire you, who read your works,
who, like you, refuse to be a second sex.

You, in the company of Gloria
and Elizabeth, of Susan and Germaine,
have made us possible, the women we are today.
We take courage knowing you have preceded us.

For this I am grateful;
For this we thank you.
You will be missed.

Farewell; adieu.

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