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Mr. Wesley Winans Stout, Editor The Saturday Evening Post

Dear Sir:

(BALD EAGLE "1854NS) In the Saturday Evening Post of July 6, there appears a story by Thomas H. Raddall and in this story there appears a poem called Lement for Summer.

In reading this poem last night, I was taken by its lyric quality. so, having nothing better to do and being in the mood. I set it to music as a song for either contralto or baritone voice. This morning I copied the song and this afternoon when I went to help my friend John Alden Finckel, a Washington 'cellist, move his boat from his attic(!). I asked him to play it. He is coming to my house in a few minutes to make a phonograph record.

Both, the only good manuscript and the recording are being mailed to you under separate cover as souvenirs to do with as you please, but, if at all convenient, I would like to have a photostatic copy for my files.

I hope you enjoy the song.

Sincerely



