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[DERAND]

A Great Man Dies

*The world and our hearts stand with him
That our faith in him stands firm
Today we know that our country
Has tomorrow no better a man
Will show us the way to peace
The way to peace*

5237 Sansom Street
Philadelphia, 39, Penna.
April 21, 1947

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Hyde Park,
New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The poem "A Great Man Dies" is being sent you herewith.

It was written two years ago by Wilson Derand at the time of Mr. Roosevelt's death. Since then, it has been read numerous times on the air, and many radio listeners have been sent copies at their request.

We felt that you, too, would like to have a copy.

Faithfully yours,

Florence M. Creasey

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Secretary to Wilson Derand

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Enclosure

A Great Man Dies

He died, and our hearts died with him
But our faith in him lives on.
Today we have lost our sunset,
But tomorrow, we know the dawn
Will show us the road to travel,
The road on which he trod,
And struggled and worked for all mankind
Before he journeyed to God.

He died, and a world is saddened,
And deeply grieved by its loss.
But millions of hands and millions of hearts
Will reverently pick up the cross
That he could no longer carry,
And will carry it with pride,
To the glorious victory for which he worked,
And the peace for which he died.

He died. We have lost a great leader,
And we have grown weak with our tears,
But we shall grow strong as his spirit
Lives with us all through the years,
And God in His infinite wisdom,
Will welcome this man of might,
And place him with other immortals
Who have fought for the things which are right.

Wilson Derand.

Derujinsky

GLEB W. DERUJINSKY
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NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

Feb 7 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt

My wife and I were very happy to
have seen you and members of
your family at the unveiling.
It was both pleasure and honor
for us to see my work placed
in Hyde Park at our Great Presi-
dents Lurie grounds.

I also thank you for mentioning
my name and work in your
article.

Hoping to have the pleasure
of seeing you again in the
future I am most

Sincerely yours

Gleb Derujinsky

*Reply sent Derujinski
3-25-47*

February 27,
1947

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I wonder if you could inquire through our Embassy in Yugoslavia as to the whereabouts of a Maria Homiakoff who is an old friend of Gleb Derujinsky, the well known sculpter.

Miss Homiakoff is Russian but was last heard of in Yugoslavia. She was teaching and doing charitable work in Yugoslavia when she was arrested with other prominent Russians and no word has come from her. She is 61 and Mr. Derujinsky said he would spend any amount of money if he could help her.

I would appreciate anything that could be done.

Yours very sincerely,

14 West 68 St.