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Berlin. Friday.

Dearest Florence:

In Prague a hotel that is cheap is the Angle Terre (Englisches Hof), not far from one of the stations--the station that comes to Berlin. You could get a good room there for a low price. The others are very expensive.

Here in Berlin there is no such animal as a room for ℳ4 (one dollar) a day. Do you want two single rooms connected or do you want one? Do you want it down town in the heart of the city, or do you want it out here further, which is also well connected with every part of the city and country. Do you want a private bath for instance. It is expensive. Would you, if I cannot get a good room in a hotel for ℳ 6, take one in a good, centrally located Pension where you have only a room and breakfast.

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I know no chap named Eisler.

Music? I fear the season will be over by the time you come. There are museums here of which I don't blame you. There you are tired and of course is Potsdam with Sans Souci Palace of Friedrich the Great--the great park is lovely. Berlin is surrounded by the most wonderful lakes and forests and you can take an excursion or so. Never would one imagine these round headed ugly coarse Prussians have such a deep need for beauty.

I have just received a letter from Frankfurt asking me if I cannot finish my book within a month that the publisher may give a decision about it. I have promised! You can see how worried I must be now, for I am so dulled by the pavements of Berlin all these months that I do not think I can even think. But finish it I must.

Don't use "Botticelli" at my head. I know nothing of art and nothing of music. You are speaking down a gulf when you use such words on me.

There is the theatre still busy here. You may be interested.

I am sorry it is not earlier or later for then the music season is at the height. And Berlin is a musical center of this Erdkugel.

Write. Love Happiness to you