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Dear Robert Penn Warren,

Since I was a young girl, I have admired you. Raised in the country of Kentucky, I read your work and knew that writing was the way out of being so poor. You started my poetry and I want to share it with you now.

By the time I reached Vanderbilt in graduate school, you were a legend. Teachers there still remembered you as a person. It's to that you I am sending the poem on p. 6.

*In admiration,*

*Vivian Shipley*

*My grandfathers are on the cover.*