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Dear Jennifer,

Enclosed is my order form and cheque \$160 for 2005 concerts. My seat for 2004 was A18. Being in the front row I did not miss a thing and I would be happy to sit there for 2005. If that seat has already been taken, then close to the front centre would be my desired place.

I had a chuckle over your rendition of "Walter" at the February concert. What a versatile lady you are. I enjoyed the items by David Hibbard and David Glendinning - lovely stirring old numbers.

At the September concert you looked lovely in your nice white frock - please wear it again. I liked your 10th anniversary dress.

I have a laugh at your "stories from Bantamland" and laughter is what we need. I enjoyed your story of the bantam who did not like her nesting box and let you know. Interesting to know that animals have likes and dislikes as I have learned from my dog who lets me know of his wants by his varied type of barking at me, and his displeasure when I don't get it right.

Of all the concerts the highlight for me was the June one. After a short address by the Lady Mayoress, when you began to read part of a letter you had received, I could hardly sit still when I recognised some words I had written to you, were the words you were reading. I was so excited and after the concert I couldn't get to the front door quick enough to identify myself. The fact that you chose "Alice" as a nom-de-plume for the writer was "spot on" as my dear Mother's name was Alice. What a coincidence!!!

Jennifer, you paid me a wonderful compliment by reading a few lines I had written, to a large audience in City Hall. You made my day!! In fact you made my year - my 80th - because 24th November is my 80th birthday.

During this year I have tried to do something to "skite" about to my family to mark my progress through life. June 24 was my "hour of greatness" and I shall never forget it!!

You sometimes mention that you would like ideas from the audience of songs we would like to hear. When I was a little girl my Dad often sang to us. He had an Irish Mother who we never met, whose name was Catherine/Kate and he often sang "I'll Take you Home again Kathleen" (He wanted to name me

Kathleen but Mum had different ideas.) Perhaps Stewart would sing that for me.

I think it was at the August concert you sang "You'll Never Walk Alone". That one had me misty eyed. "Why". That song and "I'll Walk Beside You" were two of my late husband's favourites. A few weeks before he died of a terminal illness in November 2000, he said to me "You'll never walk along, I'll walk beside you, always" and Jennifer, he does. We had our Golden Anniversary six months before he died. That would be another request from me.

After seeing you do "Walter" I reckon you could do a beaut "You can't get a man with a gun" - make Betty Hutton star of the film and dear Evie Hayes star of the Australian musical, stand up and "flap their wings".

So often the music you and Stewart and visitors present remind me so much of loved ones no longer with us, of things experienced over a lifetime, happy times and sad times - guess they are called Memories of the past which we 80 year olds look back on and hold dearly, for the future is so uncertain. Yes, Stewart. I will remember Vienna, especially the big ferris wheel and lovely Opera House.

I would like to say thank you to you and Stewart and Lynne (what a lovely lady) and your visiting artists for giving me so much pleasure in 2004 and I am certainly looking forward to 2005 concerts.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and trust 2005 will be happy and successful for "Singing Brisbane". Regards

Hazel Harland

PS I was so thrilled to meet you and Stewart and the other lady at the front door of City Hall after Wednesday's concert. The two ladies with me have been my friends since I was 2 years old when our families were neighbours in the central western town of Longreach. I met them by chance at the Concert, had not seen them for about 3 years but we do keep in touch. The lady in the wheelchair is 88 years old and has attended your concerts regularly in the past. She is being looked after by her 90 year old sister who came from Maryborough to be with her. How about that!!! I had a lovely day on Wednesday.