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Dear Jim, Deurich, Betty et al, We counted on seeing you four this summer but it was not to be. However, we love our summer visits with Betty and hope the future will bring a reunion with you all sometime, somewhere. When Ann was back to her summer work we went east for a two week stay that was perfect in nearly every detail - albeit strange since it was our first trip by ourselves since 1941. We had three gorgeous days at Nantucket with our dear friends the Woodworths - my 1st trip to that delightful isle - and it was memorable. At Cambridge in time for the summer concert we met many, many friends and the Gustave Reeces who were there. The summer we met you. We had a wonderful visit with my mother and Dad at Rye; they are both well and speak of you with pleasure - always ask me to remember them to you all. We picked up Carl at Idlewild on Labor Day Eve as he flew in from Amsterdam on a stunning KLM jet and our trip west was filled with his experiences - both challenging + rewarding of his summer's study with Nadia Boulanger at Fontainebleau. This second trip to France has cemented his ability to use that language which is excellent. In mid-September Ann flew off to Milan with the Stanford in Italy group of about 60 where she has now had three months. She is ecstatic about Florence. What surroundings for the study of world economics, art, Renaissance history, and Italian. She is sketching again and I am delighted. Their mid-quarter trip was two weeks in Barcelona and Madrid awakening a real interest in the amazing architecture of Gaudi. Her particular group went back by way of French Riviera, Nice, Cannes etcetera. Short week ends took groups to

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JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Greetings
and our good wishes for
peace and joy in the new year

the Schmidt family
Harold, Barbara, Carl, and Ann
from afar

✓ Venice, Siena etcetera. She stayed in Florence at
thanks giving and worked on the academic papers
etc. She is fortunate with her faculty both from here
and in Florence all the time. Noire Torchio is the
chairman of Econ. dept. here + excellent - she is
bound she will do well for him. Also Matt Kahn
in art is very good and she said her art
project grew beyond prof. or grade to a real
urge to find out all she could and present
it in a ^{manner} worthy of her surroundings. Now she
is touring the north - Munich, Copenhagen,
Amsterdam, Vienna. What experiences for these
young people of ours. I have just had a note
from Bill from Milan. Next year we will be
going over too - a year from this January.
Have thought of you so much + really do wish
all sorts of peace for you. Jim's quote from
'Time' even was requoted in a sermon at S.U.
Hope Betty's life at Wellesley is glowing in
all ways. Would love to hear from any
or all of you. My last year's card is still
here with address + stamp + no note - so I
can not talk but our love to you all
now - and I count on seeing Betty at
least every summer.

Affectionately,
Barbara

BROTHER JACOPONE KNEELING BEFORE
A VISION OF THE VIRGIN

Woodcut from Jacopone da Todi's Laude,
published in Florence, 1490

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