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Boise, Idaho
July 17, 1937

Hon. Willis Van Devanter
U.S. Supreme Court
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Van Devanter:

I have intended for more than a month to write to you a little note of congratulation on your retirement, and express my hope that for many years you may enjoy the Sunset Glow after retiring from the greatest and most responsible position in the world.

Your many friends have been pleased by the many compliments given to you and your years of distinguished service.

Now that you have returned to private life I trust it is not indiscreet to hand you the attached card with the words which some reactionary seems to have attributed as a reasonable sentiment rather than a quotation of your own words.

Please give my very cordial regards to Mrs. Ranidan.

Loyally yours,

In – kai –

Frank G. Ensign

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Judge Van Devanter to F. D. R.

The fleecy clouds may kiss the sky,
The rose may kiss the butterfly,
The sparkling wine may kiss the glass,
And you my friend-good bye.