

Hello Marla Lukofsky,

I'm not sure if you remember me but my name is Harry and I met you at Grand Manan Secondary School when you came to perform. I feel the need to email you because you had a profound impact on me personally. As you narrated your life's story I was intrigued and fascinated by your adventures and your experiences. Your humour was both refreshing and new and I had a good chuckle as you spoke of your various doctors and family members. However, it was your passionate and heartfelt anecdotes about your mother, your neighbour and of course, yourself that made me both sad and hopeful. It was when you spoke of your friends who abandoned you that I realized that I, inadvertently, hadn't spoken to my aunt (diagnosed with cancer over a year ago) in over two months. Right after your show, I called her and she immensely grateful that I had called her. I speak with her regularly now and she is doing well and, as of now, has no new cancerous cells.

I feel obliged to thank you for you have given me insight into how to speak with friends and family when they are ill or sad. I'm not sure if it was brilliantly inspiration words or your charming, charismatic aura that made me so enchanted with your story but I hope to see more of you soon. A blow of nostalgia swept over me when your Good Luck Bear voice kicked in and I am so grateful to have met you. You are an icon and an inspiration to us all.

I hope you are well,

Harry
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P.S. If you ever do get your memoirs published please send me an email. I would love to purchase it as I'm sure it will be as powerful as you are. Once again, thank you.