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## Rejection Letter from Gertrude Stein

Dear Poet Dear Author Dear Someone:

We are pleased very pleased  
To regret sir.  
Regret to inform you the list for  
Talents selected not you dear.  
So many many and many  
Many talents not you dear.  
Received many fine not you.  
Thank you extremely fine thank you.  
Keep us in mind please keep us.  
Please keep  
Your submission in mind.  
Entries so fine many fine  
Winners selected not you.  
Not you. Not quite  
What we need  
At this time not quite.  
Keep in mind best of luck next time.  
Editors wish you this guideline.  
Best of selected regret.  
Not chosen you were not able.  
We inform our regret.  
We reject your receive.  
We receive we regret. Inform you we do.  
We do as we do.  
Today: To do: Don't forget.  
Difficult choice we regret.  
Space an issue weren't able. Limited  
Space unable.

Please  
Accept this issue.  
Our complimentary  
Gift to you.  
Letterpressed gift in which you  
Do not appear we regret you.  
We regret to reject with respect  
Please accept. Do  
Not not accept  
This reject  
If you do  
If you do  
With respect  
With respect  
We reject you.

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