

dear comrade konrad hellowen ever met because i only just been claimed for eight months when you opted out but i thought i'd write you this letter anyway i hope you're well and enjoying whatever your version of heaven was but enough banter there's more to death than a reiteration of life's failures i wanted to thank you for the small pleasures you've given me over the days and to add my admiration to those others who've silently read you or not whatever now you're on the other side of the circle i can steal your ideas clearly that's the main thing the objects to speak just an excuse not that one's needed nowadays all's fine all's equally good and dandy in whatever world so a message on a bottle seemed a light deviation from the norm is a little that's required and not just any bottle either but buzz bagno less a turkish beverage that gives me a link if i want it to vienna the home of you're ending but this is turning out worse than even i expected i didn't mean to bore you let alone me especially with five and a quarter inches still to go so i'll have to think of something else to pass the time same old problems same old solutions and i'll copy a few of your answers nobody will care and of course most won't even notice including ignorant idiots and critics alike if you'd survived your death and any potential others you would have been sixty nine this year a grand old man of letters they'd even probably do a special festival of your work on an austrian radio next year to celebrate your seventieth birthday everyone likes a birthday boy don't they especially if a few more units can get sold then everyone's happy aren't they i apologise for my cynicism but everything's so commercially orientated these days take me for example i'm only in it for the money i'm writing this now so i can sell it to some rich fucker i'm just using you as an excuse to get something done again another product to punctuate the emptiness another gormless achievement a visceral visual realisation of possibilities may be this is why you did what you did purely to avoid doing any more things like this thank you again and goodbye loves simon rackham 10/9/01