

October 1955.

HOLIDAY IN LAKES

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Friday September 30th.

Jill arrived from farmers having been there 2 days with Micky.  
Quick packing for holiday. Dinner at Pallas Rest. on King's Rd.

Meat balls with delectable garlic sauce.

Whitebait (heads, all).

Spaghetti Boboquese.

Steak.

Moussaka.

White Bordeaux.

Shredded wheat in Syrup.

Nausea & flatulence.

Drive along embankment through Battersea Park. No fireworks 9.10 pm.

News reel at Victoria.

Bed.

Saturday October 1st.

No rabbits or hares.

off by 9 am. Beautiful morning. Out to Aylesbury then up to A.S.

Morning coffee at Towcester. Seven garden & pool.

Good time after that to Repton, arriving ten to one. Motor cycle racing at

Silverstone.

Sherry before lunch with the Bernards. Very nice. lovely Michaelmas daisy-filled

garden. lunch with the boys. Nice prefect. Walked round school. bird collection

Lapidary museum, marvellous library with old wooden chest & books on Scandinavian

literature in Scandinavian shopping in village, then watched football. Tea with Bernards before leaving.



Lovely drive over moors via Ashbourne, Buxton, passing near Kinder Scout to environs of Manchester. Badly signposted roads.

Oldham. Rochdale. Fish & chips supper in car.  
Arrived Blackburn 9.40 pm. Aunt Emily. Apple tart. Tea. Bed in John's room.

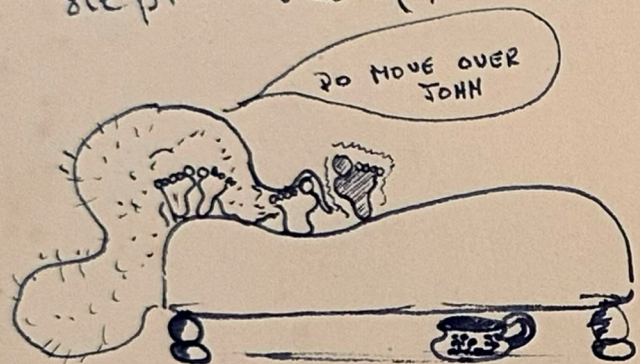
Sunday. Wet. Walked down to Cathedral through Park. Disappointing service.  
Choir miles away. Singing honest. Nice amen (Cook in E minor).  
Aired (Thirteenth century). Saw Mr & Mrs Collier & cactus garden.  
Walked back, collected walk (pulled up Sheer Brow) & then out again for  
walk in Park. lovely roses & dahlias. Sunshine until rain in afternoon  
prevented us going out, so sorted out rubbish in attic.  
Another good walk over golf course to Lammack & back over tank.  
Lovely sunset over the Fylde. High tea & early bed.

Monday, Oct. 3rd. Fine morning. Off at 10.30. Lovely run through Wiltshire,  
Whalley, Pendleton, Downham (small walk) & back to Clitheroe. Shopped there.  
On to Slaidburn. Stopped ~~for~~ for drink at Hall to Bountly, where Mr Wingley  
is staying - fishing. Lunch near reservoir.  
Lovely drive over fells to Ingleton. Long walk round waterfalls. (4 1/2 miles)  
Red squirrels.



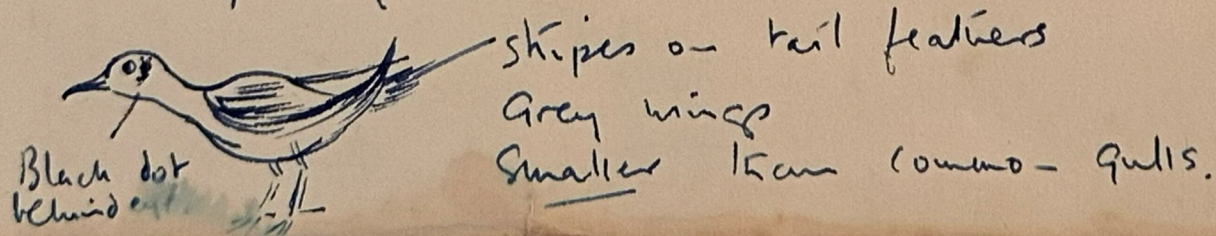
Pizza dinner by river. Tomato soup.  
Lamb chops, peas, mushrooms

Good bed + breakfast at Mrs Hodgkin's. 10/- including cocoa, hot water bottle, etc.  
House dated 1683.  
Coffee in cafe. Raining. Drinks in Pub. Cold. Back to fire.  
Slept badly.



Tuesday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Dull day. Bought cacti + saw marvellous collection of same.  
Campfire. Silverdale (John's nation no longer living here.) Anuside on  
estuary. Morning coffee + custard tarts. Felt side. Boats + birds  
on river.

Round estuary to Grange. Two deer on road to Anuside.  
Walked through gardens. Altercation over gulls. ? Common ? Black-headed  
in winter plumage. ? Kittiwakes.



stripes on tail feathers  
Grey wings  
Smaller than common gulls.



walked up towards Hampfell Hospice. Lunch on top - wonderful views over  
mountains to North, estuary to South. Painted picture. Very cold.  
Over the top - dropped down into Cartmel. Looked round Priory. Beautiful  
wooden choir stalls with misericords. Old tombstone. Good stained glass.  
Picturesque village. Walked back to Grange. Started to rain.

Stayed at Gow - Hotel. Warm + comfortable. Parrot in cage. Good dinner  
which I could taste.

Potato soup.  
Roast Duck.  
Fruit Salad.  
Coffee upstairs. Honey-moo couple.

Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Beautiful sunrise. Drove round through Carlisle to Newby  
Bridge + lakeside. Walk along edge of lake. Pleasure boats at anchor.  
Hawkshead. Rain ++. Looked at art shop. Wrought iron hen. Victoriana.  
Coffee at 15<sup>th</sup> tearooms. Into church - looked at murals + talked to vicar.  
Floral cross made by children. Up to Tan House for lunch. Pouring  
with rain so no view. Hungry chaffinches. Ambleside - Windermere - Kendal.  
Wasted afternoon wandering round in rain. Coffee at Oasis (Chelsea-type  
decor + waitress.) Bristly bear. Black man + other good in Sogris.  
Found good small pub. to stay in. Golden Lion (Mrs Saul.) Went to see  
"The Far Horizon" in evening. (Look up exploration of Louisiana purchase)  
+ overland route to Pacific.  
Bad dinner served by belligerent waitress in hotel afterwards. John poisoned  
by cotton wool at least. And so to bed.





GRANGE  
HAMPSFELL  
HOSPICE  
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Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Good day. Nice breakfast. Comfortable beds. Nice proprietress.  
Dull morning, but clearing by midday to be a lovely afternoon.

Bowness church. Beautiful pillars, East window with Washington  
arms in window & green virgin. Most of glass came originally from  
Cardinal Priory. Newby Bridge. Ken up Rusland road to Sawrey  
& Hawkshead. Photographs. More coffee. Expensive lunch purchases.

Up to Tarn Hows for lunch. Beautiful colours but high wind & very cold.  
Round Conistowater. Little beaches, surrounded by trees. Big waves.

Walk up Tilberthwaite Ghyll. Perilous journey because most of bridges  
were down. Nearly blow-off into gorge. Numerous bogs & water/lake. Wet feet.

Down to car again & back to Conistow. Looked round Ruskin museum.  
(Didn't realise he was an artist too - thought he just criticised.)

Stone dulcimer, with several notes missing.

Back by ~~the~~ Ellerwater, Grasmere & Rydal to Ambleside & Kendal.

Another night at Mrs Sant's. Good dinner.

Didn't go to cinema to see Ulysses, but  
stayed by fire instead.

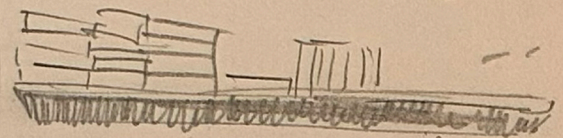
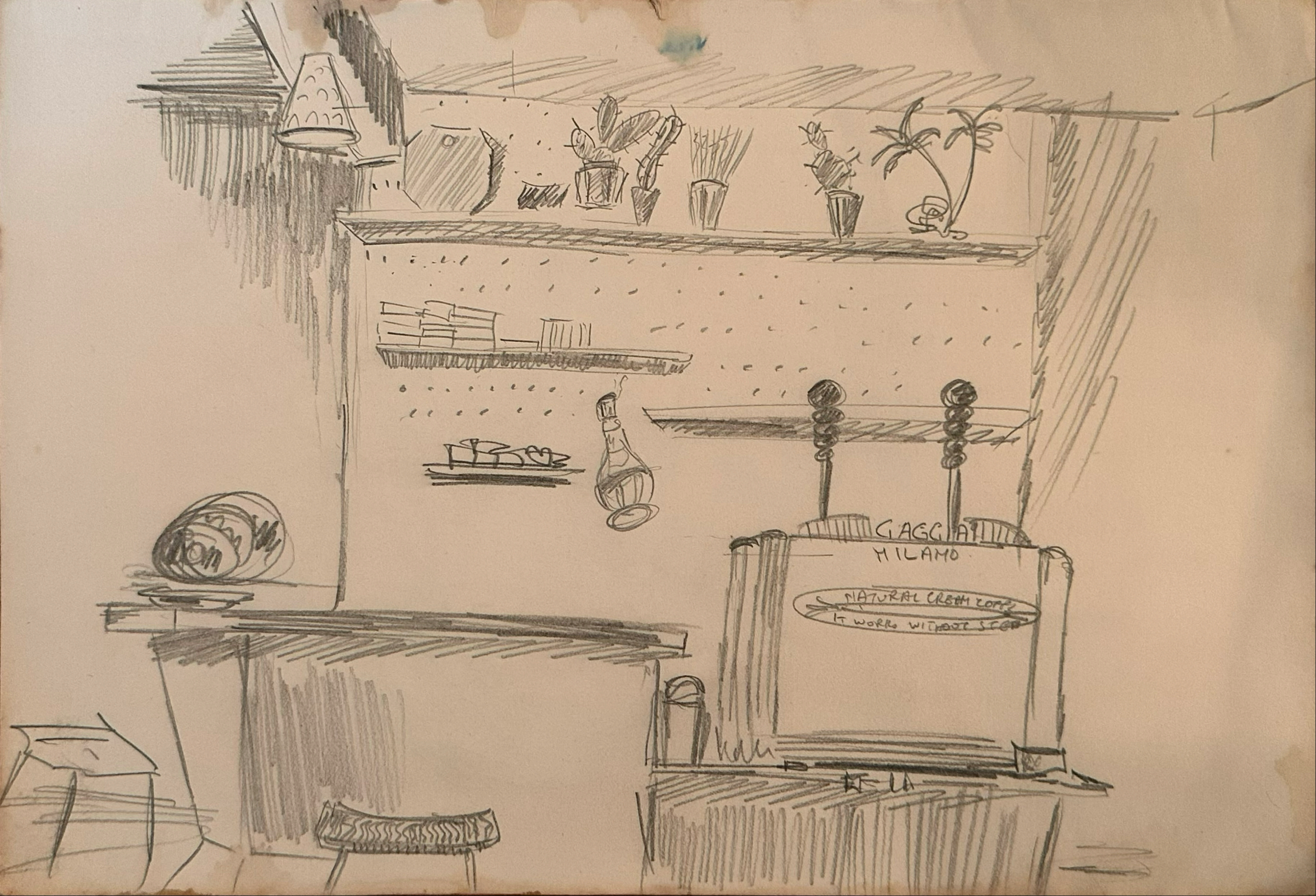
Mushroom Soup

Roast beef.

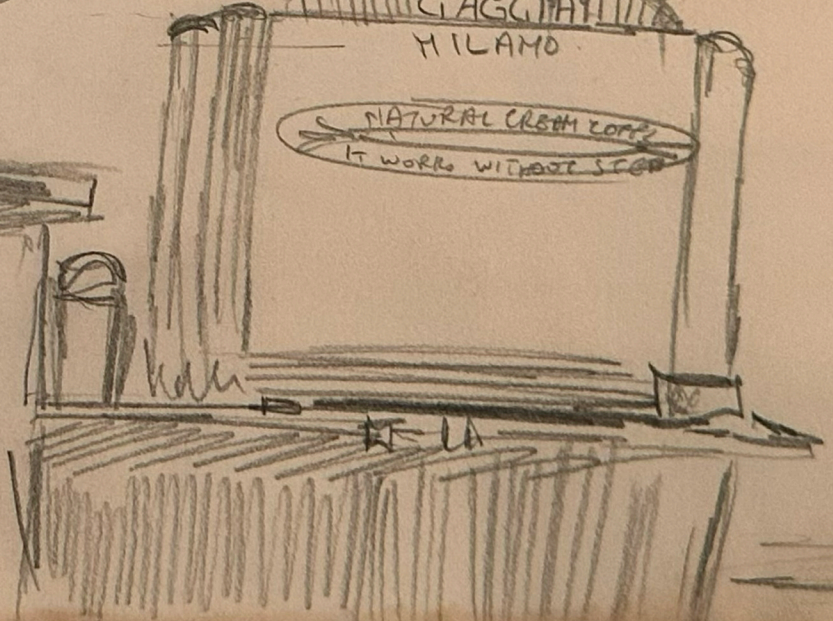
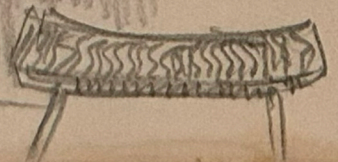
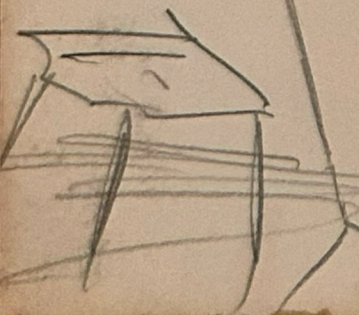
Plums & mustard.

Coffee & cheese.

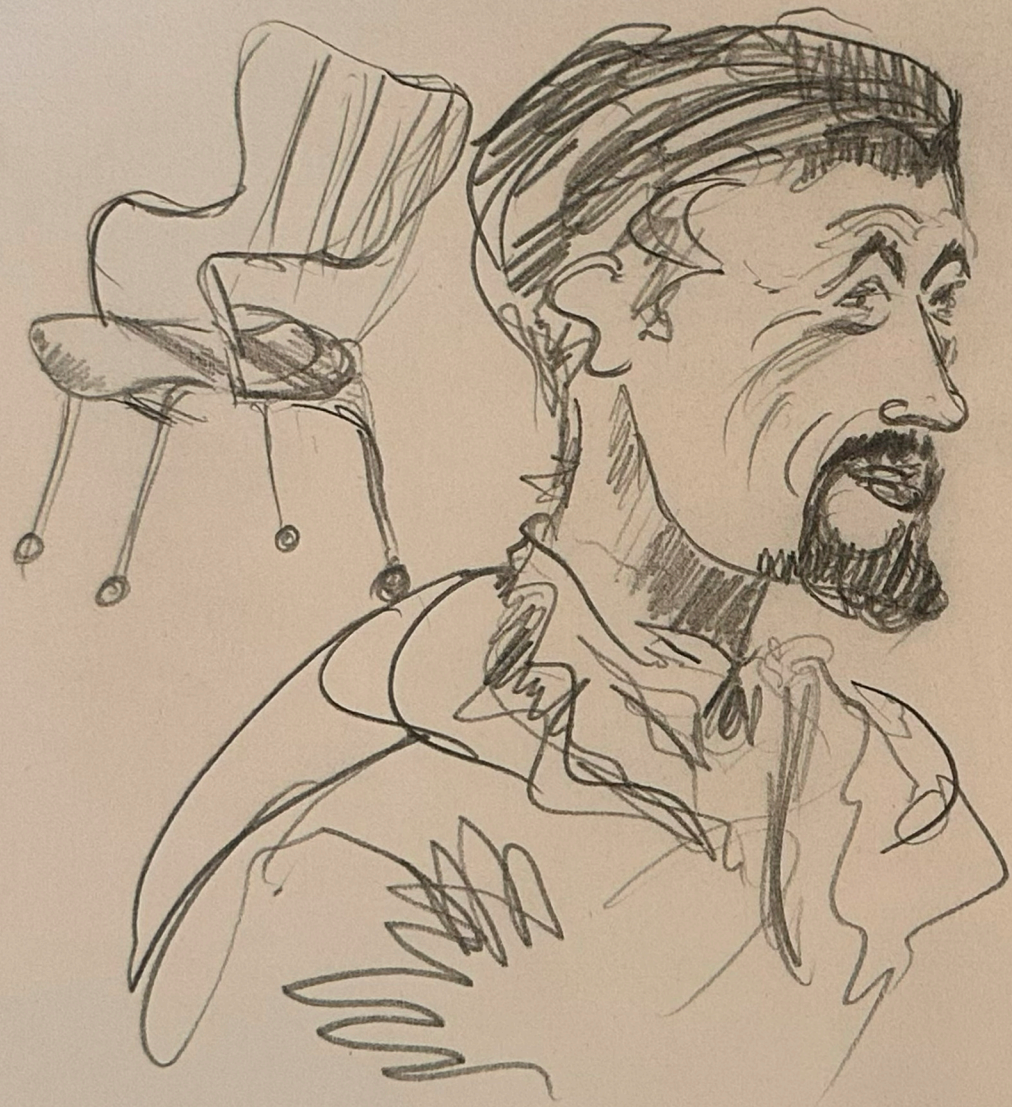




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MILANO  
NATURAL CREAM COFFEE  
IT WORKS WITHOUT SUGAR









Friday, October 25th Sun streaming through window in morning was  
quickly hidden by heat haze. But this never lifted & it remained  
dull all day.  
Quick look round Kendal church & photographed black boy shop sign.  
Bought footpaths map, then left Kendal.  
Over ferry at Bowness. lovely crossing. Through Hawkshead again  
to Steelwith. Left car at Elterwater, took lunch into us & climbed  
over to Little Langdale & from there up Wrynose Pass. lunch near the  
top. Abandoned cars. Crossed mountain to Red Tarn, where we met  
Kent Harrison (Thoracic Surgeon at S.T.H.) Down very steep path the  
other side, with red-stained rocks due to iron ores, into Oxendale.  
Started to rain slightly. worn out.  
Long walk back down Great Langdale valley. Vint's & Kendal Mint Cake  
near journey's end. Into Lerebel with relief, & went over to Rydal,  
Heaton Cooper's studios: Beautiful bronzes by his  
wife Ophelia Gordon Bell. Stayed in shabby hotel in Portinscale.  
Along Thirlmere to Keswick. Silent dinner - quite good but not enough of it.



Saturday. 8th. October.

No money to pay bill so into Keswick to bank. Sun breaking through clouds. Drive by end of Howlands (Noted Swinside Inn) Valley. to head of Derwentwater. Grange Stonehwaite. & booked farm accommodation at Seatoller farm for the night. Now dull & raining. Up Howister pass - quite steep & dropped down to Buttermere - painting in rain then Crummock Water. - rather more gentle - further painting & lunch. Then to howeswater. - further painting. Back over Whinlatter by State Forest. & so (Cooked bacon & egg. mushrooms.) to Keswick. - booked for cinema. car to foot of Waterkath valley. & walk up valley & back. Beautiful view down onto Derwentwater. - Shangri-la like valley high up above general level of lake. Old man cadging cash to open gate - with a very rubicund antique face like Mr. Punch. - had disappeared on descent (was 15 min. past opening time). Back to farm for supper at 6.30 pm. Stew - v. good. Fresh fruit salad & own cream.

Sheep mainly black or piebald.



← (Supp Jill).

In to Keswick to see Breaking the Circle.  
- Polperro - smuggling - Hamburg - displaced person.  
sailing from Russians - v. good.  
- Closed by Russians all the way back to the farm.  
& so to bed.

Have caught Jill's cold.





Sunday 9th. October.



RAIN. + FOG. + RAIN.

Mist  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down mountains + rain - but undaunted. -  
decided on walk.

Seatoller. - Seatwaite. Styhead Pass by Styhead Cleft.  
- Last  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in mist.  
At least 20 others at

summit of pass. No view. except the next cairn +  
equipment for dealing with those who fall off the  
top. !!



Lost the way.

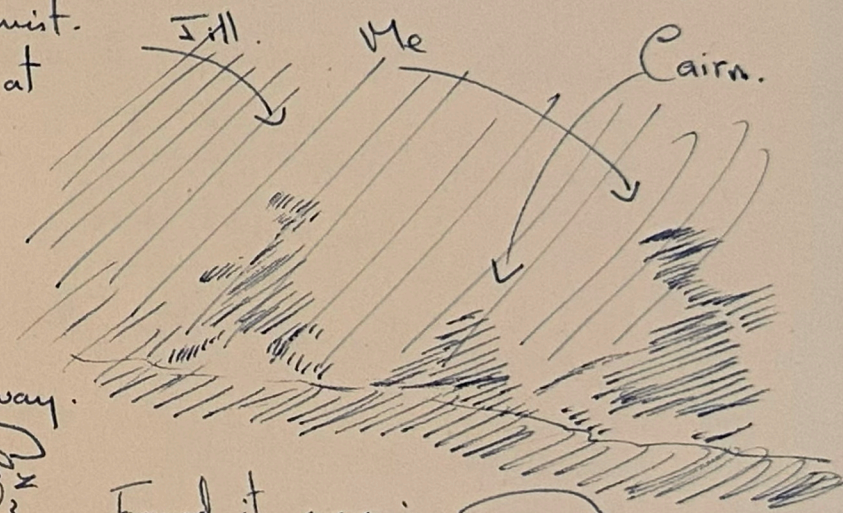


Found it again.

Rain.

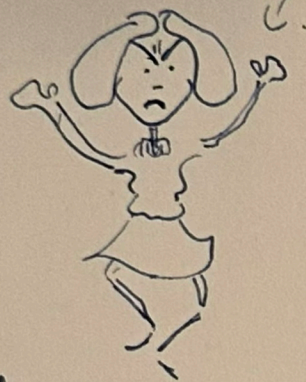


Cleared. Sprinkling Tarn. Sat in rain +  
Footpath. (which was neither.) ..6 miles down Langstrath Valley to home. Bleak valley.  
Sheep. Wagtails. - chased by claud. No vegetation until last 2 miles. Too far. Tootmed. Sat





by line & talked to other people in hotel. Young man & wife. & lesbian & sister? & so to bed.  
Snoored all night (says Jill) bad cold. fell out of bed. Not v. good sleep.



Monday 10th. October.

Sun in patches. Packed & said goodbye to our friends & hosts. Drive up to Watendlath to see the town & the hamlet Keswick. Stone Circle. - Ullswater. Kinkstun Pass. & sky cleared. Windermere. Coffee following lunch at top of Kinkstun Pass. Ambleside. Rydal. & walk around the lake. Crummock. Etterwater. Little Langdale & over the Whynose pass to the Duddon valley. A beautiful warm evening. lovely valley - few farms - open ground, torrents. Supper - steaks peas, soup, cheese by stream. - so warm that decided to camp out. & so on open fell between Duddon & Eskdale & in a little quarry near Devoke Water to bed in the car by 7.30 pm.