

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Germany waits for us with
fingers and roads and rooms and
eating places.

Germany waits for Linda Lee
and me.

my 90 year old uncle
waits.

I am known as a writer in
Germany and in France.
like some American writers,
Europe finds us first.

I am to give a reading
in Hamburg.
Germany was where I was
born.
Hollywood is where I
live.

I am going to Germany
to
get away from the horses
and out of this
room.

Sherwood Anderson will ride
with us.
I remember how his books were
food to me
when I had no food.

we'll all be together:
Sherwood, Ernie, Ezra and
Linda Lee.

we'll give the pilot trouble
we'll accost the stewardess.

drink in hand we'll
cross the long Atlantic
a German publisher to pick up
expenses
a French publisher to pick up
expenses
in Paris
in September.

we might as well look around:
camera and notebook to

record the
bash.

up from the gutter!
look at us!
it's a joke.

I smile
for when a man has been poor
all his life
he never forgets about
that.

at least in America they
have kept it sensible and
underground:
I can come back and
hide.

I've read all the damned books
and now I'm a writer
drink in hand
crossing the long Atlantic
with Sherwood, Ernie, Ezra and
Linda Lee.

HOLLYWOOD RANCH MARKET

she was 32 years younger
than I
with a body built for the
gods
and it was 4:30 a.m.
we'd lived together for
8 months
and she shook me,
"Hank?"
"yeah?"
"I have to have some chicken
gizzards!"
"what? again?"
"I've got to have them!"
"all right."

we got up and dressed.
outside it was
raining.