

I will try to respond. I feel that I have been invited to do so more than once. I would like to say that I have and always will welcome your invitations and the demands they make of me. I draw pleasure from our correspondence inasmuch as I try to follow its call.

You should know that my writing requires preparation, which in its turn implies the necessity of being unprepared. The mode of writing that I depend on requires a certain state of vigilance. Only thanks to this state can I address the demands your invitation brings.

I can never be anything but a guest. Maybe this is what we have agreed on from the start: the possibility of appearing and disappearing in one single gesture. I had to learn about a replaceability that is inherent in the place at your table I have been invited to take. This could easily make me sad. I guess, I should have known to relate this replaceability to my habit of writing. Maybe this is precisely what you have asked me to do.