

a letter

today i wrote a letter
to a woman i never
met
she was given
six years in prison
for the words
she
never
said
i told her
about my job
about my neighbor's
white
rabbits
i often watch from my
window
they like lying in the sun
and munching on sticks
i told her about
how i wish i could read
more marx
(she is also a socialist)

but end up watch anime
i told her about
my favorite poem
that i wrote
i told her to carry on
to persevere
i told her that she was
strong
on the international women's
day
i wished her not
equality
but
freedom
i wish i could tell her
more
but the mail is looked through
by the state
censor
so politics
is a no-no
even for political
prisoners
i told her it was

rainy

today

in yerevan

i told her that many people

gave money to

help refugees

i did not specify

where they come

from

or why they are in need

of a refuge

in the first place

i told her

there's hope

i told her i like diet

coke

i did not know why

i doubt they have coke

in prisons

i didn't know what

to tell her

a woman i

didn't know

a woman given

six years in prison

i feel like i wanna puke

from stress

i wish i knew what

she would tell me

in response to my

letter

but

unfortunately

i couldn't leave

my

address

i wish i could really

help

her

i wish

there was

anything

i could do

other than

write

this

letter

i wish i could write it

better

i wish there would be no

need

for me to write

it

as such

am i asking for

too

much?

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