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16 October, 1974

Dear Marian,

I am just now able to face the avalanche of mail, and yours is a letter I particularly wanted to answer. You meant so very much to Anne -- those months working on Mercy Street, the warmth of that association with you and the rest of the cast were such an affirmative time for her. We have indeed been tried sore and we will miss her deeply, but there were the good times and nothing can take those from us.

All love,

*Maxine*

**Maxine Kumin. (Anne Sexton)**

*Autograph Letter Signed to Marian Seldes about Anne Sexton*

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Typed Letter Signed from Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Maxine Kumin to Tony Award-winning actress Marian Seldes dated 16 October 1974 on Kumin's Newton Highlands, Massachusetts stationary, discussing their mutual grief over the loss of Anne Sexton, written just 12 days after Sexton's suicide. (Kumin had lunch with Sexton on October 4, 1974 to work on Sexton's latest collection of poems. After which Sexton went home and committed suicide in her garage with carbon monoxide. Seldes had starred in Sexton's only play, *Mercy Street*.)

The letter, in part: "You meant so very much to Anne -- those months working on Mercy Street, the warmth of the association with you and the rest of the cast were such an affirmative time for her. We have indeed been tried sore and we will miss her deeply, but there were the good times and nothing can take those from us." Folded as mailed else fine with the envelope present. [BTC#419927]