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### Letter 1969, May 10, James Tate to Gene DeGruson

James Tate

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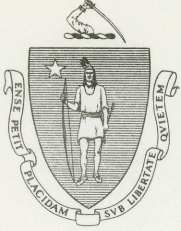
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
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23 October 71

Dear Gene,

Making a wild stab into the future, how is Thursday, March 30th, aside from being distant? I'd love to come next week actually, but for me this first term has been demanding and I think I will have it more under control by then. If not, just drop a note & we'll try again.

I've just returned from an over-night jaunt to Boston, to talk with my editor at the Atlantic; finally he's come around to saying, hey! there are some pretty good poems in there! something they seldom seem to notice. Well, it is all set now, except for a title, and right now it is bouncing back and forth between Absences and Fear and the Weather. I think perhaps the former since the latter has been labelled 'kinky' by the afore-mentioned editor; and I am not too certain of anything myself, save I want it out and done.

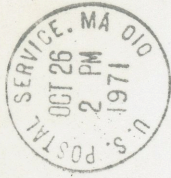
Many thoughts of Pittsburg lately, each new season reminds me.....  
(breaking into song) I fade,

best to you

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jim".



Joe  
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