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## 6th June 2008: letter for an invisible woman

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You have been an invisible citizen, a neighbour who slips between the joins in the day, a silent participant in our neighbourhood. When I talk to you, I understand something further of the ecology we live in, what is unnoticed, what is unspoken, and what is important to someone so different from myself. I've been thinking a lot about parents, about learning to copy our parents and learning to please our parents and learning to break away from our parents. And what we do when we're trying to copy what's not there, when we're reaching for a completeness that is out of reach. This falling that we're all doing all the time, and how we cope without knowing that anything might catch us. How we cope when it's just falling, when the usual landmarks are gone. Just how we cope. You buoy me with your ability to be strong, mark new ground. And I understand once again how important our chosen families can be, the non-blood, the strangers, friends and supporters.

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