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My dear Mr Collura:-Allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your truly brilliant rendition of my music for "The Best Years of Our Lives." I must tell you in all honesty that I'm not much given to listening to film music apart from its context, either my own, or somebody else's. However, in this instance you have managed to imbue the score with a life of its own;- i.e. it doesn't sound like "Movie Music." Just how you managed to achieve this small miracle, I haven't the foggiest notion, but no matter. You did it, and I'm deeply grateful to you as well as to the London Philharmonic for breathing new life and enthusiasm into a thirty-two year-old score.

Most sincerely yours,

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