

Mitch and Mike

This is the only message I can give now.  
I cannot do anything else for the April 6<sup>th</sup> Astraea event  
Because I had a negative physical reaction to the medication I was taking for my HIV. To the point that I almost was hospitalized. Nevertheless, all is well for now. I just need to rest for awhile.

One line from the poem I was working on for the gift to the honoree is:

*"We don't really need anymore gift giving between us <sup>having</sup> each other is truly  
ENOUGH!"*

When I get better, I will finish the rest. For now no visit, or telephone calls from anyone would be nice and requested. Of course, I will accept emails as long as people know I might not get to read it or back to them for awhile.

Mitch if you could "honor" Irene or at least tell her yourself that I am not able to be there. I would truly appreciate that. Tell her as much as you need to for her to enjoy the entire experience.

Bert