

In your kindness let this letter  
put the matter beyond doubt. And  
let it be wholly clear that no-  
one in my profession needs  
assuring that the Life Fellowship,  
in succession to Edward Elgar and  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, stands  
as a unique distinction.

In the giving of thanks we are a  
shy race. This message of  
mine - is an affectionate attempt  
to break loose in sheer gratitude.  
I am - I repeat - immensely touched.

Yours very sincerely,  
Herbert Howells:

To The Master,  
The Worshipful Company  
of Musicians.