

Dear Mariana,

I am Nazim. It felt great to read your thoughts on peace. I agree with your thoughts and want to share mine with you. I'm a 20 year-old young man who loves travelling. A peaceful world for me is the one where I can visit any country. Unfortunately, today's reality doesn't let me visit your country, nor can you visit mine.

As I was reading your grandmother's story in Shamkir and thereafter, I realized how similar our lives and destinies have been.

My grandfather's family moved from Chambarak (Krasnoselsk) to Baku in 1965. When I was young, he used to tell me about his Armenian classmates and army friends. He'd tell about the games they played and the food they ate. Though born in the Gubadli region, my father had to move to Sumgait in 1992 as an internally displaced person. When writing this letter, he told me how they made barbeque with Armenian friends on the bank of the River Hagari. This is an exciting reason for us to resolve the conflict in a peaceful way.

I'd like to introduce myself briefly. I study International Affairs. The process may take 50 years but if diplomatic relations are established between the two countries, I'll gladly be one of those people who work at the future Embassy.

I couldn't express my thoughts with long and rich sentences, but I'd like you to know that I want peace as much as you do.

Peace be with you,

Nazim