

A few words about Tanya, spoken before a talk at Leysin Switzerland (March 20, 2007)

If I may, I would like to start with a few personal words in memory of Tanya Reinhart, who died with no warning this Saturday. I didn't get a chance to share the ideas I'm going to present with Tanya. I planned to do that sometime this summer. But when I was thinking about this handout, about a week before Tanya's death, I was – as I often was – conversing with her: thinking about all the things that she might say when I talk to her, trying – as best as I could – to anticipate her objections and to come up with various maneuvers to save face.

In many ways Tanya was the youngest adult I knew, probably the most spirited...and it is so hard to believe that she's gone. Tanya was among the smartest, most original and creative people I've ever met. She was my teacher and she was my friend, and she has influenced me in more ways than I could ever hope to describe. I will miss her dearly.

But she has taught me so much, that I think I will be able to continue these conversations with her. It won't be the same thing, but it is a huge gift, for which I am immensely grateful.

-Danny Fox