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Dear John,

Thanks for sending your article "Poets Against Novelists" to ALS. It has now been considered by another reader and me. There are things about it we like e.g. the re-definition of realist writing and its assumptions, but we think its appropriate opening - chapter - of-a-book quality somewhat blunts its appropriateness as a separate article - e.g. it's beginning is too leisurely, and as a whole it is insufficiently focused: not clearly enough announcing its intentions then clearly fulfilling them; it is especially interesting on Hardy being virtually a chapter on him and McAuley (an interesting conjunction); and it does not generalize enough for an article. Still the discriminations of your revaluation are keen and fresh.

Sorry this one is not appropriate but I hope you might send us something else.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laurie'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.