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Dear Hector and Wanda,

How do you find time to send flowers to goldbricks like me? You were very thoughtful, and your carnations left the hospital with me last Thurs. I put an American flag in the bouquet, and a giant firecracker -- and presto, a 4th of July centerpiece for Janet. She thought I was unusually inventive.

Since I haven't the willpower to remain silent when there is anyone around to talk to, I'm here for a week of "voice rest." Not bad. I'm a poor cook, but a little vodka before the meals makes it seem better than it is.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

