

John (Jack) Warren Owen



**Poet, Music Teacher, Musical Composer,
Stage Actor and Director**

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John Warren (Jack) Owen holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Music Education both from the University of Notre Dame, as well as graduate studies from a variety of universities from California to Ohio.

At the University of Notre Dame, he was president, bass soloist, and student director of the Men's Glee Club, over a six-year period while pursuing his undergraduate and graduate studies. He also performed in dramatic groups both at the University and in the city of South Bend and directed a variety of choral groups both off and on campus.

Jack's teaching experience includes both elementary and high-school vocal music and drama, as well as classes in music appreciation and harmony. In addition to his school teaching experience, he has directed choral music in

churches; synagogues; civic groups; and barbershop choruses, both men's and women's. He has also held bass soloist positions at several St. Louis area churches and has sung in several operatic groups, including the St. Louis Municipal Opera and the Washington University Opera Workshop. He has also acted as clinician and adjudicator at local and out-of-town festivals, at which his choirs, ensembles, and soloists have consistently earned the highest of ratings.

Drawing upon his extensive choral directing and solo singing experience, Jack has composed many songs and choral pieces, a musical play, and various arrangements for treble, male, and mixed voices. Several of his compositions have been published by Earthsongs and ODE.

On his two visits to the country of Wales, he taught, composed, directed and arranged for schools, civic male choirs, and barbershop harmony groups.

John Warren Owen is a charter life member of the American Choral Director's Association and holds membership in the International Federation of Choral Music and the International Society of Poets.

He recently published a book of his poetry, *POETRY-To Your Heart From Mine*, consisting of ninety eight poems, which augments his previously published tape and CD of sixty-eight poems each. Jack's book is available thru XLibris, Barnes and Noble, and Border's, as well as thru his website, where his tape and CD are also available.

☆ Check out some of Jack's Poetry:

A MOTHER COOING TO HER CHILD

There are beauties rich and rare,
there is love beyond compare,
there are glorious views
in nature's many hues;
but none so sweet, so warm, so dear
as mother's loving voice so clear,
oh! such a sound
so meek, so mild,
a mother
cooing

to her child.

HER BARENESS

I saw her in her bareness today,
a bareness I had never looked in.
It lay 'neath the surface,
her heart and her soul,
no matter the cover of skin.

And a great true awak'ning
came into my realm,
an awak'ning which burned in my mind,
that this uncovered bareness
permeated awareness
of totally different kind.
I saw 'neath her skin
as I looked down within,
a sight I was late to behold,
a sight bringing me to a reality
which the years now allowed to unfold.

So I stared at her heart,
and I stared at her soul,
and the wonderment wormed its way in,
and my feelings were swayed
by this wonder arrayed,

and I vowed I would stay there within.

☆ For more, check out Jack's Website:

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