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*celebrating the lives and times of rainbow folk in Grand River country*

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# Dear Diary

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Musical  
Direction  
by:  
Bob Miller

SOME THOUGHTS FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

I REMEMBER A JOURNAL ENTRY AS A CHILD AND DREAMING ABOUT BEING A CONCERT PIANIST. IT WAS FUN PLAYING FOR THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, THE OLD AGE HOMES, RECITALS, MUSIC FESTIVALS, CHURCH ETC. I REALIZED EARLY THAT BEING A CONCERT PIANIST REQUIRED A LOT OF WORK AND DEDICATION. OTHER THINGS IN LIFE SEEMED TO BE JUST AS IMPORTANT, BUT IT NEVER STOPPED ME FROM PLAYING OR PURSUING MUSIC AS A CAREER.

THE ASPECT I ENJOY MOST ABOUT MUSIC IS ITS 'UNIFYING AFFECT IT HAS ON ALL OF US, NO MATTER WHO WE ARE, AGE, COLOUR, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR FAITH. MUSIC BELONGS TO ALL OF US AND WE ALL EXPERIENCE IT IN OUR OWN UNIQUE WAY. I HAVE ESPECIALLY ENJOYED CHORAL MUSIC, WHETHER IT BE SINGING OR CONDUCTING. AFTER YEARS AS A CHURCH MUSICIAN, IT WAS REFRESHING TO CONDUCT THE DANISH GAY CHORUS AND NOW THE RAINBOW CHORUS. DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS CHANGE, BUT MY LOVE FOR MUSIC WILL NOT. MAY TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE REACH AND TOUCH ALL OF YOU.

BOB MILLER

...FROM OUR ACCOMPLISHED ACCOMPANIST....

DOUGLAS BROWNLEE,

...A HOOD FOR MUSIC AND ART, AND ONE FOR EDUCATION.

WHY?

...SO I CAN SELL MUSIC IN A SHOP

... SO I CAN FREE-LANCE WITH SILK AND PIN

...SO I CAN MAKE MUSIC WITH PIPES AND WIND.

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IMAGINING A FUTURE

A NEW DAWN WORDS AND MUSIC BY MARYLOU DUN AND ANN REID  
ARRANGED BY DAVID LANTZ III

RAINBOW CONNECTION WORDS AND MUSIC BY PAUL WILLIAMS AND KENNY  
ASCHEP  
ARRANGED BY GARY D. FRY

MONEY MONEY MONEY WORDS AND MUSIC BY ANDERSON AND ULVAEUS  
ARRANGED BY S. NELLEMOSE

ROOM FOR EVERYONE WORDS AND MUSIC BY PAUL AND RALPH COLWELL,  
HERBERT ALLEN, PAT MURPHY, KEN ASHBY AND TOM  
SULLIVAN  
ARRANGED BY PETE SCHMUTTE

IMAGINE

WORDS AND MUSIC BY JOHN LENNON

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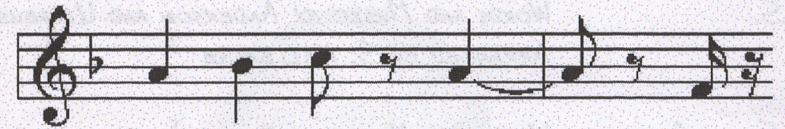
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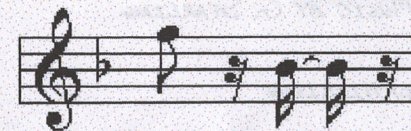
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## PAST LOVES

S.O.S. WORDS AND MUSIC BY ANDERSON AND ULVAEUS  
ARRANGED BY S. NELLEMOSE

AND SO IT GOES WORDS AND MUSIC BY BILLY JOEL  
ARRANGED BY BOB CHILCOTT

BOX 303 LYRICS AND MUSIC BY ANDY T. WILLIAMS

MAMMA MIA WORDS AND MUSIC BY ANDERSON AND ULVAEUS  
ARRANGED BY S. NELLEMOSE

IN MY LIFE WORDS AND MUSIC BY JOHN LENNON AND  
PAUL MCCARTNEY  
ARRANGED BY ROGER EMERSON

## MOVING ON

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN WORDS BY ANDY RAZAF  
MUSIC BY THOMAS WALLER AND HARRY BROOKS

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME WORDS AND MUSIC BY ANDERSON AND ULVAEUS  
ARRANGED BY S. NELLEMOSE

BIG DOGS, MUSIC, AND WILD, WILD WOMEN  
LYRICS AND WORDS BY RUTH HUBER

HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE  
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## ...SOME FINAL EXCERPTS

### PAST LOVES

WE ALL HAVE OUR PAST LOVES AND MOST OF US HAVE THE JOY OF A HOBBY OR ACTIVITY THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS LOVED. IT WAS ROBERT AND MY LOVE FOR MUSIC AND PASSION FOR BEING ACTIVE IN A GLBT COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF TORONTO THAT PROMPTED US TO CONTEMPLATE STARTING A GLBT CHOIR. WITH ANOTHER COUPLE, GLEN AND KEVIN, WE EMBARKED ON THIS SOMEWHAT DAUNTING TASK. OBVIOUSLY, THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST AND NOW THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO CAN LOOK BACK ON PAST MEMORIES OF THE CHOIR.

### MOVING ON

HERE WE ARE IN JUNE 2001 DEFINITELY HAVING "MOVED ON" FROM OUR EARLY BEGINNINGS. THE RAINBOW CHORUS IS ONE OF A VERY FEW GLBT CHOIRS TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE OF A LARGE METROPOLITAN CENTRE. WE HAVE BEGUN TO STABILIZE OUR FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL POSITION WITH BENEFACTORS TO THE CHOIR, LOCAL SUPPORTIVE BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS, CONNECTIONS WITH TRI-CITY AND HAMILTON PRIDE EVENTS AS WELL AS MONTHLY DANCES. WE'RE ALSO WORKING HARDER THAN EVER TO LEARN, SING, PERFORM AND ENJOY A VARIETY OF GREAT MUSIC.

### IMAGINING A FUTURE

THERE ARE SO MANY PARTS TO THE FUTURE I WOULD IMAGINE FOR THE RAINBOW CHORUS. I IMAGINE THAT I'LL STILL BE HELPING AT THE DOOR AT OUR MONTHLY DANCES 10 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD. I LOVE GETTING THE CHANCE TO MEET PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THE BAR SCENE AND WHOM I WOULD NOT LIKELY MEET WITHOUT THE LOCAL DANCES.

I IMAGINE THE CHOIR WILL BE GOING STRONG. NOT MUCH LARGER BUT TRYING DIFFERENT THINGS THAT A CHOIR WITH 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE IS ABLE TO ATTEMPT. I IMAGINE THE CHOIR BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LOCAL GLBT COMMUNITIES AND THAT THE NEED FOR SOCIAL ACTIVISM WILL HAVE DIMINISHED WITH CHANGES TO LEGISLATION, PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND POLICIES.

THE GREAT THING ABOUT IMAGINING THE FUTURE IS THAT THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE IMAGINATION.

MURRAY JOSE