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Dear SFFMC,

2020 has been quite a year with a profound impact on our folk community. Some of us have been struggling with health issues, whether Covid-19 related or otherwise. We have lost some cherished members of our SFFMC community. Our music gatherings have shifted to virtual spaces, and though we still gather together, we miss seeing and jamming with each other in person.

For me, 2020 has been a year like no other. It's been a cascading stream of stressful events, from being hit by a car, to my husband and seven-year daughter being held at gunpoint (and a lot in between). And so, when I find myself leaning into loneliness and despair, I remind myself to take a step back, close my eyes, and reflect on this year's joys (and there are many). And, I've given myself another challenge - to write out these joyous reflections as a sequence of six word memoirs that highlight the *good* I've experienced amidst the overarching 2020 chaos.

Supposedly, someone once challenged author Ernest Hemingway to write a six-word memoir. His story? "For sale: baby shoes, never worn." More recently, Author Larry Smith has popularized this brief story writing form through the Six Word Memoir Project.

I invite you now to write your own six word memoir to share with the SFFMC community. You can email your six words to me at sffmc.folknik.editor@gmail.com, and we'll feature your stories in our February-March *folknik*. If you need a little inspiration, here's a recent example from The New York Times, where readers shared words of gratitude.

My six word memoir for the SFFMC community? Grateful for you, my folk family.

Best wishes for 2021,

Donna Scarlett, Editor-in-Chief

Jas Adams Steps Down as Song Pages Co-Editor

A heartfelt thank you to Jas Adams for your five years as our song pages co-editor! We appreciate your dedication to the *folknik* and will miss having you on our editing team.

Welcome, Bob Loomis!

We're thrilled to announce Bob Loomis has joined us as *folknik* Co-Editor! Bob is a retired journalist and copy editor who formerly worked for the Oakland Tribune, the Contra Costa Times and other newspapers. A singer/songwriter and published poet, he is now a member of the Irish Newsboys Celtic folk song group. He is married, the father of two children, and has two grandsons.He plays guitar, ukulele, flute, penny whistle, and harmonica.

Membership Renewals

by Ellen Eagan

If this was a normal year, many of us would have renewed our membership already as part of Camp Harmony registration. It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway, this is not a normal year. As this year's camp was free, there may not be the incentive to renew your membership. Nevertheless, you should renew your membership, as the San Francisco Fok Music Club needs your dues to keep going as an organization.

You can renew the old-fashioned way by printing out a membership form from the club's website (https://www.sffmc.org/join-us/), complete the form and send it to the address on the form with your check made out to SFFMC. Or, you can renew the new-fashioned way by using the PayPal link on the club's website. You do not need a PayPal account to do it. You will be using PayPal to charge your credit card.

Please DO NOT go directly to PayPal and make a payment. When you do that, the membership secretary does not get notified of your renewal and the treasurer won't know what the payment is for. Nor is there a chance for you to update, if needed, your contact information.

The date of your membership expiration should be in the email that you get when a new issue of the *folknik* is available. You can also email membership@sffmc.org to ask about your memberhip expiration date.

The San Francisco Folk Music Club is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation and promotion of acoustic music in individual, family, and community life.

""He who sings frightens away his ills." - Miguel de Cervantes

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2nd and 4th Friday Zoom Sessions

by Marlene McCall

During the COVID pandemic, while it is unsafe for folks to gather in real life to sing and play, the club's usual 2nd and 4th Friday music meetings are being held via Zoom, from 8:00 to approximately midnight, although of course participants are free to leave the session when they wish.

Upcoming Friday session dates are January 8, January 22, February 12, and February 26. In order to obtain the link and the theme for each session, please sign up for the Harmony List here: https://groups.io/g/harmony.

You can choose to participate in these Zoom sessions via audio only, or audio with video, using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, and you can also participate via audio only on a regular phone.

The sessions are structured like the real-life song circles, with a theme for each session. For those who haven't attended Zoom sessions, a disadvantage is that everyone cannot sing and play together as in real life, due to what's called latency, or a time gap. Therefore, as the turn moves from one song leader to the next, everyone must be muted except for the songleader, although of course all participants are encouraged to sing along/play along from your home.

For the assistance of instrumentalists who are playing along, please announce your key before starting your song. Keep remarks brief (in between songs and while introducing songs) since others are waiting for their turn. Ed Hilton, club president, hosts the sessions.

Debbie Klein usually keeps a list of the songs (on theme) sung at each session, and I will print those here in the folknik when I can.

Board Meetings on Zoom: Second Tuesday of each month. January 12th and February 9th, 2020, both at 8:00 p.m. If you'd like to attend a board meeting, please contact Ed Hilton, club president, at ed_hilton@yahoo.com.

Rise Again by Jim McCain (review)

by James Keelaghan

I often draw inspiration from books — I find stories or facts that can be woven into songs.

My characters last for about five minutes. I have never thought of going in the opposite direction and using a song as inspiration for a longer work.

Jim Cain of Rochester, NY, decided to do just that. He's taken Stan Rogers's anthemic Mary Ellen Carter and used it as the inspiration for his sprawling novel of the same name. He creates a back story for the story song: why had the skipper been drinking? Why did the mate feel no pain? How did she get so close to Three Mile Rock anyway?

Along the way, we learn about Transport Canada safety regulations, a deep dive into salvage techniques, the finer points of feeding a crew at sea, and more. Cain has meticulously and exhaustively researched the specialties that touch on his subject matter and weaves them into his narrative for an — if you'll forgive the pun — immersive experience.

Dyed-in-the-wool Rogers fans will get a kick out of the way Cain brings in other songs from Stan's canon. Emmett Pierce, from Field Behind the Plow, shows up, as does a touching reference to the equally epic White Squall.

Peppered throughout the text are scannable QR codes, which lead you to videos, articles, illustrations, and websites that flesh out the experience and provide a soundtrack for your reading.

At 500 or so pages, it will keep you occupied for a good chuck of the remainder of the pandemic.

While the amount of background research is impressive, the narrative would be more compelling with judicious editing as sometimes the story suffers from the weight of the details. This isn't a deal breaker but while considering the editing, a larger font size wouldn't go amiss for aging eyes.

The book is currently self-published and is available from www.teamworkandteamplay.com.

bv Peter Ross

Singing "Rolling Down to Old Maui" In Hawaii? Sung on 11/13/20 – Winter

In the liner notes to his album Between the Breaks... Live!, that included the song "Rolling Down to Old Maui", Stan Rogers commented, "Emily Friedman introduced this song to me in her hotel room at the Mariposa Folk Festival in 1978, and I've loved it ever since. It may very well be my favourite chorus song."

I also love the song, which really gets people to sing along and is fun, and I would have no qualms about leading it outside of Hawaii. But while I try not to be too PC, I would think twice before singing it in Hawaii, especially on Maui. About four years ago, I worked with the Sierra Club on Maui for a week, and for two days we were supervised by Hawaiians. I asked one if he knew the song and he said no. So that night I dug out a photocopy of the words I'd brought along, and I was going to sing it to them the next day. I showed our two Sierra Club leaders the words, as they were very knowledgeable about Hawaii. They discouraged me from doing so, as the "girls from Maui" were native girls who would swim naked out to the ships to have sex with sailors for trinkets, according to James Michener's book Hawaii, so it's a very sensitive topic for native Hawaiians.

The song has its own Wikipedia page, which has no mention of the song likely being offensive to native Hawaiians.

When She's Gone Are you Missing Me Big River Bring Back the Light Soup California Dreaming Canadian Love Catnip Song Deepening Snow Farewell My Love Good-bye Pumpkin song Ice Skating Jaywalking Josephine Lady of Song Last Train Let it Snow

Only a Lull in the Storm Paint it Black Pussy Willows, Cattails Santa Baby Seasons in the Sun Snow Snow Thanksgiving Eve Try for the Sun Winter Shanty Winter's Come and Gone

Long Way to Travel

SAN FRANCISCO FOLK MUSIC CLUB

Yearly membership levels (please check only one box):

□ \$40 Standard

Name:

□ \$20 Economy

□ **\$10 Low Income:** or pay what you can

I enclose \$_____ cash \$_____ check for _____ years membership in the San Francisco Folk Music Club.

Additional donation to the SFFMC: \$10 other amount \$.

Total enclosed: \$_____. This entire amount may be tax-deductible. The SFFMC is a 501(c)(3) organization.

□ New member □ Renew or Extend □ Rejoin

Address:

Phone: () _____ - ____

Web site:

Be sure you have checked a box for membership level and filled in the amount paid and the number of years.

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

E-mail (print clearly):

The Club produces a membership directory every few years for Club members only. If you wish that all or part of your information not be included in the directory, please specify below.

Delease send me information by e-mail

I want to know more about volunteer opportunities:

□ Please call me

Please do not include the following information in the Club directory:

□ Name □ Address □ Phone □ E-mail

Make checks payable to "SFFMC" and mail to: SFFMC – Dues, c/o Ellen Eagan, 149 Santa Maria Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 For further information, email membership@sffmc.org or phone (650) 274-6413 6/1/2020

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Lies

Martin Short

New Harmony

Ain't no Sunshine

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YOU'RE FIRED



I got on the Net today To see what had transpired Biden says it's time to heal So Mr. Trump - you're fired!

CHORUS

Mr. Trump, go pack your bags Biden's been elected He'll be in the White House soon As it is disinfected.

Functioning democracy Is what we've long desired Voters said it loud and clear "Mr. Trump - you're fired!"

Chorus

Go play one more round of golf Don't be sad or bitter You can still sit on the potty Tweeting tweets on Twitter.

Chorus

Though you've two more weeks to spread Falsehood and infection All the world can plainly see You've lost your erection...I mean election

Chorus

Folks you trashed are glad you're gone Your lackeys wish you well - o Maybe you and Ghislaine Will get to share a cell - o.

Chorus

Orange pants to match your hair Now that you're retired While the women that you groped Sing "Mr. Trump - you're fired!"

LAST CHORUS Welcome 2021 Farewell 2020 We have friends and family And we have songs a-plenty!



Don't beat the drum that frightens the children Don't sing the songs about winning and losing Come sit down beside me the green fields are bleeding Sing me the music of healing Sing me a song of a lover returning The darker the night, the nearer the morning Bring me the news of a new day that's dawning Sing me the music of healing

Chorus:

Ah, the heart's a wonder Stronger than the guns of thunder Even when we're torn asunder Love will come again

Sometimes the truth's like a hare in the cornfield You know that it's there but you can't put your arms round it

All we can hope for is follow its footprints Sing me the music of healing Who would have thought I could feel so contented To learn I was wrong after all of my rambles I've learned to be hard and I've learned how to tremble Sing me the music of healing

Chorus

Somehow the cycle of vengeance keeps turning Till each other's sorrows and songs we start learning Peace is the prize for those who are daring Sing me the music of healing Time is your friend, it cures all your sorrows But how can I wait till another tomorrow One step today and a thousand will follow Sing me the song of healing

Chorus (x2)

Regularly Scheduled Events Calendar as of 12/25/2020

All events are online ("virtual") unless a location is provided. All times are PST.

Daily 9am: Daily Antidote of Song https://revelsdc.org/2020/daily-song/ Daily noon: Noony Toons with Shira Kammen https://www.facebook.com/Noony-Toons-105433457786556/ Daily 5:30pm: Quarantine Happy Hour https://www.facebook.com/groups/quarantinehappyhourmusic Daily 8pm: Meredith Axelrod & Craig Ventresco https://meredithaxelrod.com/ Every Sunday 11am: Southern CA Uilleann Pipers Club seminar http://socalpipers.com/piper sunday.html Every Sunday noon: Margie Butler and Paul Espinoza https://www.facebook.com/goldenboughmusic Every Sunday noon: Sundays with Mary Gauthier https://www.youtube.com/officialmarygauthier Every Sunday 6pm: Michael McNevin https://www.facebook.com/mudpuddlemusic Every Sunday 7pm: Seattle song circle http://www.seafolklore.org/wp/about-sfs/seattle-song-circle/ 1st Sunday 1pm: SCVFA jams on Zoom, info: https://www.fiddlers.org/santa-clara-valley-iams/ 4th Sunday 1pm: Bluegrass & old-tIme jam, Ocean View Park, Santa Cruz, info luke@playingbyear.com Every Monday 9:30am: vocal warm-up with Briget Boyle https://www.facebook.com/kitkavocalensemble Every Monday noon: Annie Patterson leads Rise Up Singing singalong https://www.riseupandsing.org/annie/concerts/online Every Monday noon: Mudcat Worldwide Singaround on Zoom, info: joe@mudcat.org Every Monday 4pm: John Whelan https://www.facebook.com/john.whelan.142 Every Monday 4pm: learn a tune w/Audrey Knuth, sign up at: http://www.audreyknuth.com/ Every Monday 6pm: Mark & Maggie O'Connor https://ourconcerts.live/shows Every Monday 7pm: Virtual World Harmony Chorus (1/11-2/15) https://instantharmony.com/virtualwhc.html Every Monday 7pm: Palo Alto jam on Zoom, info: larryjoba@aol.com 2nd/4th Monday 7pm: Groundbreakin Trad Session https://www.meetup.com/irish-music-trad-session/events/gzgvrrybchbhc/ 3rd Monday 7:30pm: Bay Area Sacred Harp (BASH) sing on Zoom, info: board@bayareasacredharp.org Every Tuesday 10am: Mark & Maggie O'Connor https://ourconcerts.live/shows Every Tuesday 4pm: virtual open mic (Boston) https://www.passim.org/live-music/club-passim/openmic/ Every Tuesday 6pm: The Ould Sod Irish session http://appcordions.com/zoom/ Every Tuesday 7pm: Andronico's SF jam on Zoom, info: https://www.facebook.com/events/d41d8cd9/andronicos-virtualold-time-jam-hosted-by-dinah-noah-stroe/579597072730396/ Every Wednesday 12pm: traditional Irish session on Facebook, info: apetvet@gmail.com Every Wednesday 4pm: John Whelan's slow Irish session on Zoom http://johnwhelanmusic.com/slow-session/ Every Wednesday 5pm: Jay Ungar & Molly Mason https://www.facebook.com/jayandmolly/ Every Wednesday 6pm: Open mic at Café Paradiso, Iowa https://www.facebook.com/OpenMicAtCafeParadiso Every Thursday 9:30am: vocal warm-up with Briget Boyle https://www.facebook.com/kitkavocalensemble Every Friday 3pm: The Sam Chase https://www.patreon.com/thesamchase Every Friday 7pm: Kathryn Rose https://www.facebook.com/kathrynrosefolk 1st Friday 7pm: Drum circle on Zoom, contact: kathryn_lamar@yahoo.com 1st Friday 8pm: CCE Irish/Scottish singing session on Zoom, info: mfi@ieee.org Every Saturday Noon: Irish seisiun outdoors, Summit House Beer Garden: 23123 Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos 408-353-2700 https://www.facebook.com/summithousebeergarden/ Every Saturday 1pm: Sin Silver https://www.facebook.com/sin.silver.7 Every Saturday 2pm: John Whelan's Master Session, performer/ticket: http://johnwhelanmusic.com/master-sessions/ Every Saturday 3pm: Bluegrass session outdoors, Summit House Beer Grdn: 23123 Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos 408-353-2700 https://www.facebook.com/summithousebeergarden/ Every Saturday 6pm: Portland Folk Music Society song circle https://portlandfolkmusic.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=748368&module_id=350693 Every Saturday 6:30pm: Misner & Smith https://www.facebook.com/MisnerandSmith/ Every Saturday 7pm: ukulele jam, join https://www.meetup.com/San-Francisco-Ukulele-Meetup/ Every Saturday 8pm: The Black Donnellys https://www.facebook.com/theblackdonnellys

4th Saturday 11am: River City mountain dulcimer virtual jam, info: https://www.rivercitydulcimers.com/

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Fr Feb 26 8pm: SFFMC musical meeting, email ed hilton@yahoo.com for Zoom link

Genre Music Calendars Online

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Bluegrass	Bluegrass Signal: concert, jam, class, & radio show listings http://www.bgsignal.com/
Bluegrass	California Bluegrass Association (also other calendars) https://www.cbaweb.org/Events/Calendar
Bluegrass	Northern California Bluegrass Society https://ncbs.info/
Celtic	AmeriCeltic: concert, session, & radio show listings https://americeltic.net/
Celtic	Celtic Society of Monterey Bay: concert, session, & radio show listings https://www.celticsociety.org/
Celtic	CelticSF group, info to join https://groups.io/g/CelticSF
Country Dance Country Dance & Song Society (CDSS) https://www.cdss.org/community/covid19/online-events	
Folk	Ministry of Folk: concert, session, & teacher listings https://www.ministryoffolk.com/
Old Time	oldtimeSF group, info to join https://groups.io/g/oldtimeSF
Sacred Harp	
Ukulele	Got a Ukulele: everything uke https://www.gotaukulele.com/
Saw	Saw Notes: https://sawnotes.com/

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