

## About Donations

In the last ten years, other than "in the beginning" donations from my siblings, I received one donation, of \$20.00, for my web site, for which I was and am grateful. That donation came to me years ago and is the only donation I have received.

I've taken from our household budget to pay expenses for my website, which expenses are the payment to the online host for carrying the website, the domain registration, and all the equipment I've needed to continue working on and publishing my website.

I've gone through three computers in the last ten years, two audio interfaces, four microphones, two monitors, one scanner, a number of ball point pens, paper for notes, various supplies that have been and still are needed to move my work forward, USB drives for back ups and to move things around, clipboards to put notes on, so I can keep track of where I've been with going through all the stuff I've written, notes about what I'm thinking about developing next, stuff like that.

My social security income is not large, since I didn't make a large amount of money during my working years. Laura's is small, too. Neither of us put making money as a high priority in our lives.

I didn't start my website to make money.

My website is my gift to people who are interested enough to visit and get something from it, but I have needed and do need donations to help pay expenses and to express donator's appreciation for what I put on my website and appreciation for the work I do to keep my website going. Without more expressed support, in the form of financial donations and/or notes of appreciation sent by email, putting the website together and keeping it going has gradually become less joyful. It's sometimes difficult to pay all the expenses involved without

dipping more into the household budget than I want to go or than Laura wants me to go.

I think people who would donate a bit to help me keep my website going decide not to donate because they assume somebody else is taking care of that.

Nobody is taking care of donations, though I have visitors to my website from around the world, and the number of visitors says to me that many are interested in some or all of what I put on there.

I've written enough about my need for donations for now.

I also want to practice my songs and put more writing together today, new stuff, stuff that needs revising, stuff that I've finished and that needs to go through the steps I put it through to get it onto the website.