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Hey Tom,

In the process of organizing my songs on my computer, I discovered I still have those you recorded. I would like to put them on my website, as your arrangements of songs I wrote, possibly with my version next to them and along with any comments you want to make, one at a time, over some time, my essays, stories, poems in between. I don't think anyone'll get famous by having stuff on my website, because I think I don't have many followers. Can't offer money at this time. Would include the information that they're copyrighted (We did that at the time, you might remember). I'm seeking more variety than just my stuff all the time. What thinkest thou?

I'm working on my songs, got my music practice largely shut down couple months by various physical problems attacking with considerable fury. I'm trying to get back to where I was with my music, maybe getting there part of the time.

Love, Jon

March 11, 2019

Hi Jon - I just read your message. Sorry you had a discouraging time lately. Truth is, I feel the same. A few years ago I came to the realization that perhaps I have been wasting time with some of my ventures. Perhaps re-working some of your tunes was just my way of wanting to be part of your "thing" you got going on !! And it's hard to play along with you !! haha. At least with a chordal instrument. But I wanted to. You sound good alone though. Really ! I also came to realize, I don't need to write songs in the "songwriting" sense. I don't enjoy singing too much. And I don't like trying to write lyrics at all. Just does not come naturally. But I'm good with playing instruments and coming up with melodies or chords. This comes naturally. - But you would like to know if you should put some of my recordings on your site. I guess I'm trying to say..... don't do it for me. I'm still discovering what I'm good at !! haha. Most of those songs, I did away with half of your lyrics, right ? haha Anyway, this is what I've been going through, and I'll bet I didn't make you feel any better or clearer about what to do !! LOL Write back with some thoughts. Maybe we can get some where. t

Mar 12, 2019

Hi Tom,

On my website, I make a point of saying any songs I put on there are a step along the way, not in any way saying, by putting them on, "This is a finished product," but "This is where I am today with these songs."

My songs will probably go from where I am with them today into further, more polished development. I've shared much worse recordings of some of my songs, and I might be able to share better presentations, later on. I put them on because I respect the songs where they are now and because I respect the process of learning. I want to share both with anyone who comes to my website with interest.

I would present your songs the same way, as something we came up with then, in striving to share part of the process of writing and performing songs. I would make clear that these are your arrangements. I just now thought I'll save our communication about this, and if it's relevant to whatever else we decide about our music and these particular songs, I'll also put this communication on my website.

I very much respect what you've done with these songs. I particularly respect your command of voice and instruments as demonstrated in your recordings of these songs. It never has bothered me that your adaptation of wording and music might be different from mine. That's part of why I'm interested in putting them on my website, to show the differences our different approaches brought to a few songs.

Love, Jon

March 12, 2019

Ok - Jon this sounds great. Let's see if there is any interest. Thanks !
with love and respect - tom

Tom,

Okay. Thanks. It might be a while. I have to figure out when and how. Any time I put one of your songs on, I'll send an email telling you.

Love, Jon