



National Right to Read Foundation

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Dear Meg:

You made the West Coast board meeting of the National Right to Read Foundation very special when you sang the song about reading composed by your mother. To be in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, to look at the slab of the demolished Berlin Wall just outside the window, made all of us on the Board realize just how important the ability to read really is, and how necessary it is to return phonics instruction to every first grade classroom in America. We were all very much aware of the children who never reach their potential, or adults who in shame hide the fact that they can't read, or parents who are frustrated because their schools are unwilling or unable to teach their children to read.

Often it is in song that we capture the real essence of an issue. You certainly did that as you sang with such feeling and meaning. Thank you for coming, and thank you for making our board meeting such a special one.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Sweet, Jr.
President

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"Reading. It's an open door to the things we never knew and could never see before" is the opening to a song titled "Reading" written by Margie Alfonso, of Tulsa, Okla. The song has been recorded by Alfonso's daughter Margaret Ann, a music major who has performed the song at the Library of Congress and other gatherings. Those interested in obtaining a tape or scheduling a performance can contact Alfonso by calling 918-742-6510.

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Write For...

Reading, an original song celebrating the joys of lifelong learning, has been delighting listeners at library events and reading incentive programs around the country. Written and composed by Margie Alfonso and performed by her daughter Meg, *Reading* would be a definite highlight for any library activity. A cassette tape of the song is available, and live performances by Meg can also be scheduled for your event. To receive a copy of the tape, send \$5.52 to Margie Alfonso, 5922 South Jamestown, Tulsa, OK 74135. Phone 918-742-6510.

ADHD, or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity