

A Celebration of Lifelong Learning

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READING

Lyrics and original music by

Margie Alfonso

Tulsa, Oklahoma

vocal by Meg Alfonso

Reading. It's an open door
to the things we never knew and could never see
before.

It gives light to each subject brighter than all
the stars in the sky,
and the words to a song let us sing right along
to a sweet lullaby.


Reading. It's the words to a prayer.
Tells us all about love, tells us all about life,
tells us somebody cares.

Reading helps us to understand and to learn and
grow.

It's exciting to read.
There is so much we're needing to know.

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Toward A Literate America



Oklahoma
songwriter
and
singer...
mom
Margie
Alfonso
and
daughter
Meg.

Singing About Reading

When Tulsan Margie Alfonso heard professional football player Dexter Manley testify before Congress about his reading problems, she was so inspired she wrote a song called *Reading*. Daughter Margaret Ann (Meg), a music major at The Masters College in California, recorded the song and mom started sending the tape around to bookstores and reading incentive programs.

The song has been steadily gaining state and national attention. It has been played at a children's holiday book drive in New York City, and at a Law Day Fair in Oklahoma City to promote reading programs for first-time offenders. Last November, Meg performed the song live in Washington, D.C. during a reception at the Library of Congress in celebration of "1991 the Year of the Lifetime Reader."

If you would like more information on this special song, write Margie Alfonso at 5922 S. Jamestown, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135; or call (918) 742-6510.