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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a poet, poetry teacher, workshop lecturer, and song writer. My collection of poems, *DOUBLE HELIX*, won the Washington writers' Publishing House contest in 1992 and was published the next year. Poems were previously published in national journals, such as *POETRY*, *THE GEORGIA REVIEW*, *POET LORE*, and *THE OHIO REVIEW*, among others. Poems have been anthologized in the *ANTHOLOGY OF MAGAZINE VERSE AND YEARBOOK OF AMERICAN POETRY* and elsewhere. I have given poetry readings at the Library of Congress noontime series, the Corcoran Art Gallery, national chain bookstores, and numerous places, especially in the D.C./Maryland area. I have judged poetry contests and was poetry editor of *THE AUGUSTA SPECTATOR* magazine from 1980-84. I also have been a contributing reader/judge for Word Works Publishing. I have lectured and taught classes in colleges, and in public and private elementary and high schools.

In December 2000 I released a CD I had produced with my original songs and advertized it in a church newsletter, among other places. P.F. Lazor read of it and requested a CD. This began our correspondence. I learned that he also had written many songs and asked him to share some with me. I was impressed with the quality. As a poetry teacher, I especially look for analogies, details, and fresh use of images and words. P.F. has a remarkable ability to come up with unusual rhyming words that are perfect for the context and delight because they are not cliches. There is a flavor of Ogden Nash in his creativity. He also has an innate sense of rhythm that fits the mood which reminds me of Gerard Manley Hopkins. His themes show his deep reverence for God and a broad understanding of the human condition. When he sent me some tune lines to fit the lyrics, I typed up a few songs for him on my music software program. They are inspiring to me.

It is shame that such talent and good character have been so harnessed these many years of imprisonment. My request and prayer is that this deserving man be given his freedom and a chance to fulfill his great potential. He would be a benefit to society in a larger sense as well as to those who know and appreciate his gifts on a personal level.

Yours truly,



Barri Armitage