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BARBER SHOP HARMONY

A COLLECTION OF NEW AND OLD FAVORITES FOR MALE QUARTETS

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peaking as an average barber-shopper, I think this is a good book. Sig Spaeth's first folio of Barber Shop Harmony and his original Barber Shop Ballads were also good books. But this folio belongs more intimately to the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. The arrangements represent some of our best known individual members and quartets. They have the full approval of the Arrangements Committee, of which I had the honor to be a recent chairman.

The Society appreciates the practical work of our New York member in editing these collections and gives hearty thanks also to the composers and arrangers who have so generously contributed their services. Having acted as Emergency Tenor in something over 2000 catch-as-catch-can sessions, I deeply appreciate this book as a record of inestimable value to other emergency as well as full-time tenors, not to speak of the three lower voices.

—Phil Embury, Emergency Tenor and President, SPEBSQSA

Parenthetically, when this folio was started, my job was the Lead, and it is still a pleasure to have the harmonious co-operation of Phil Embury, Sig Spaeth, Deac Martin and many others in the significant cause of Barber Shop Harmony. The literature on that important subject is rapidly growing, and in this case we have a real contribution by the Society itself. All of our members, as well as those who are still on the outside, are sure to welcome so stimulating a selection of typical material. If there is any doubt as to how the Lead was sung by such-and-such a quartet, here it is on the record for "swiping" by other fours, anywhere. May the "swipes" be frequent and enthusiastic.

-Hal Staab, Lead and Immediate Past President, SPEBSQSA

Everybody has been so helpful in getting together this book that the official Editor almost had little else to do except seeing to it that it was properly published and distributed. Naturally space limitations prevented our including all the songs we would have liked to, and already it is apparent that a third volume will be needed in time.

More Barber Shop Harmony represents a cross-section of what is regularly sung by the quartets of SPEBSQSA and therefore a model for all harmonizers of the barber shop school. The arrangements are by practical men, unhampered by technical formulas but well aware of how these highly individual effects can be made to sound. Experts will realize that much of this material goes far beyond the conventional barber shop harmony of the past. In only a few cases has it seemed necessary to make any concessions to average vocal abilities. As one who, throughout a long life, has experimented with all four parts, meeting even the challenge of the Baritone, I am delighted to know at last how the real Baritones do it.

-Sig Spaeth, Editor and Rough and Ready Baritone

Proadly speaking, my part is a minor one in this quartet. But since my blessing, for the Society, was on the first volume, I want to repeat it fortissimo herewith. Having grown up with barber shop harmony, and written a few things about it myself, I can appreciate what it means to have all these brains and voices collaborating so successfully to establish our ideas and ideals in a permanent form. Personally I want to serve notice on all the so-called Bass singers in the Society (including Frank Thorne, Gordon Hall, Fred Stein, Tommy O'Heren, Fred Graves, Johnny Buitendorp, Joe Wolff, Pete Buckley and Squire Barber) that they are going to be out of a job when I learn their parts out of this book.

-Deac Martin, Past Historian, Ex-Vice-President and Tentative Bass





While Strolling Through The Park One Day

