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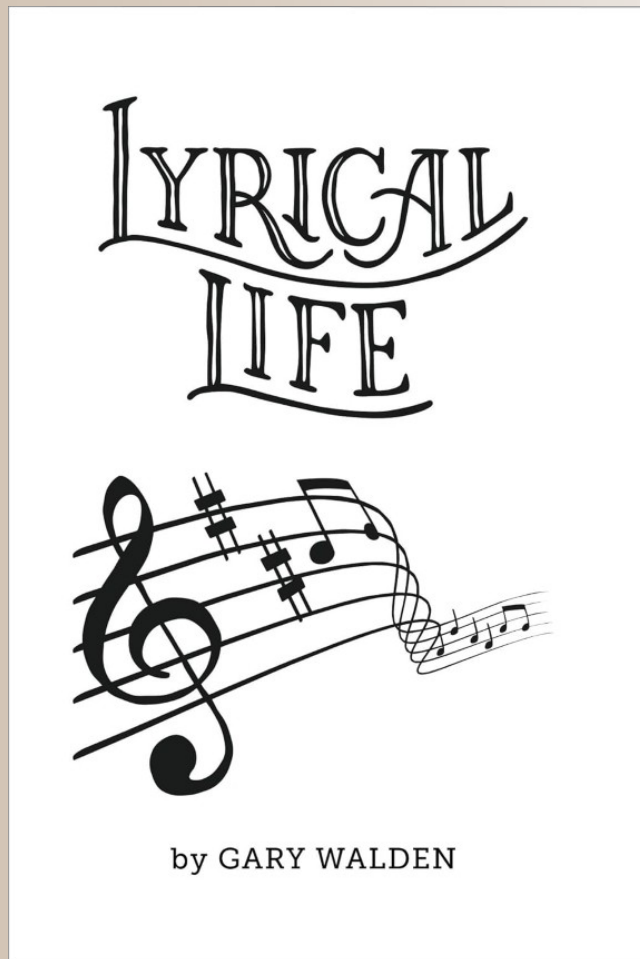
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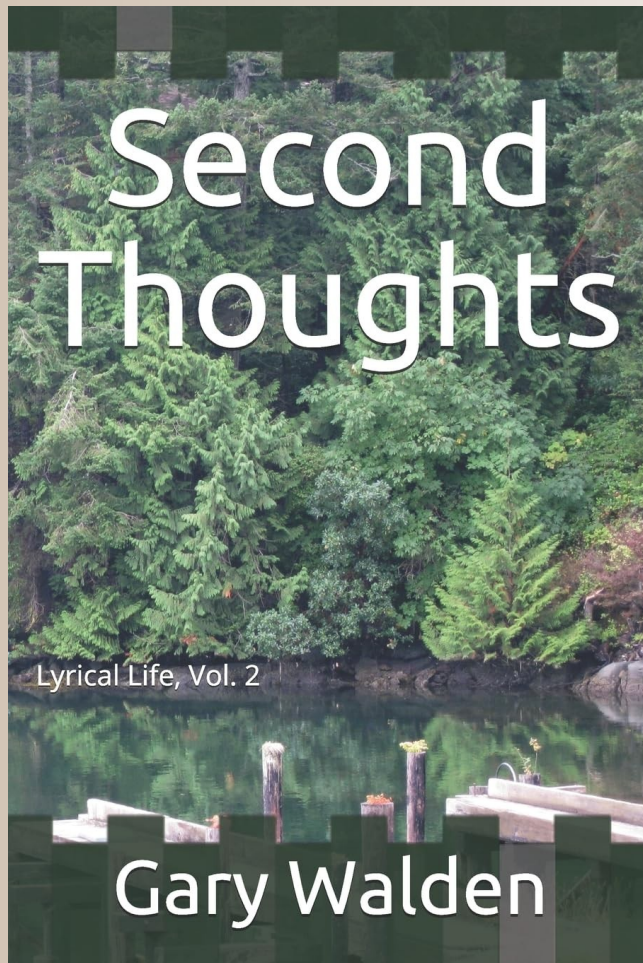


Lyrical Life is an autobiography as described through songlyrics I've composed since I was sixteen years old. It covers material I've written about family, close friends, acquaintances and events that have inspired me over the years.

Through heartfelt memories to poignant social commentary and freestyle verse, it is an overview of my dark side and my lighter side.

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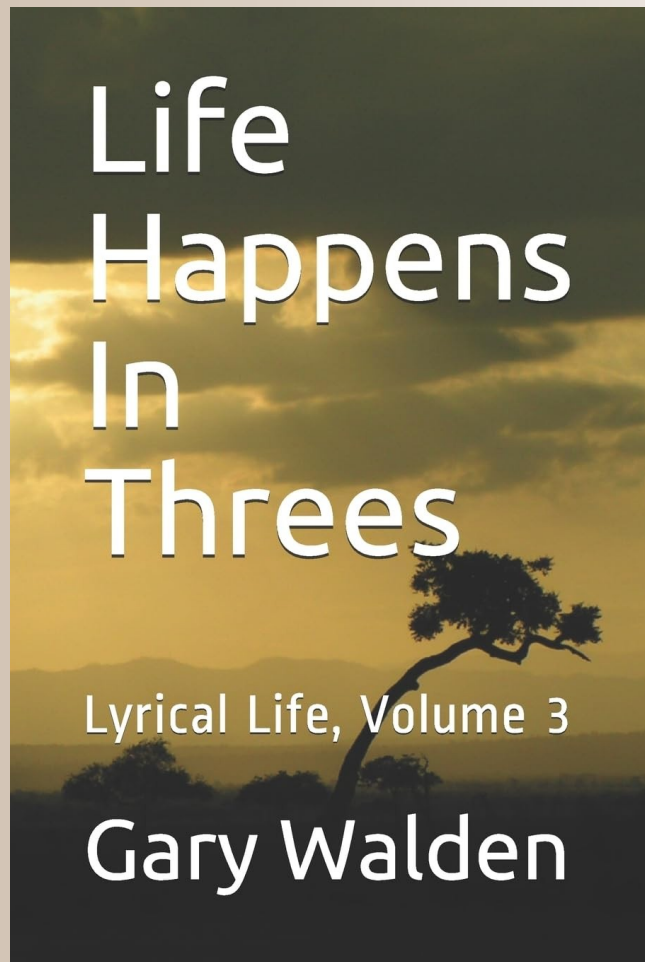
"You're such a momma's boy, such a spoiled brat, if you dare tell on me, I'll pay you back. Scratch marks leaves scars when you're shunned, there's more where that came from."

Second Thoughts is a sequel to my first book, *Lyrical Life*, a biography written with song lyrics I have composed since I was sixteen years old. Taken from more than 14,000 lyrics I have written over the years, this latest book includes more of my wit and wisdom. I cover subjects ranging from my teenage adventures in love and rejection to my children's growing up years, as well as memorable people I have encountered in my lifetime. My hope is that it is entertaining and thought provoking.

Because these lyrics have no music to go along with them, I invite you to use your imagination to come up with melodies of your own. As an added bonus, I offer a free CD of some of the songs included in my first book. Simply e-mail me your mailing address, and, I will send you a copy, no strings attached. I just want to share my songs with the world. I can be contacted at aqobg@yahoo.com.

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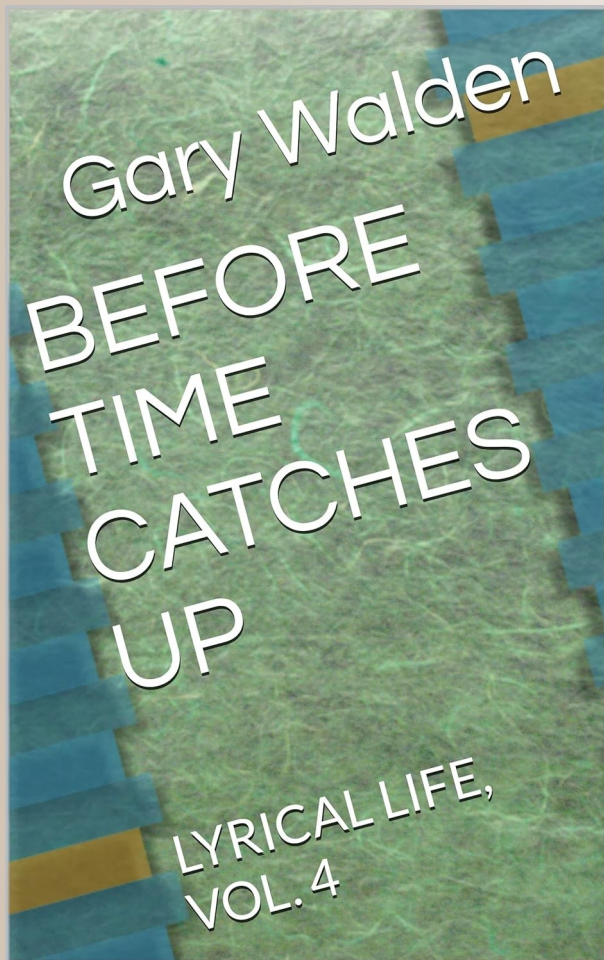


"The past, the present, the future. Darkness, shadows and light. We crawl, we walk, we run. We're born, we live, we die. It's the natural flow of routines. Life happens in threes."

Life Happens in Threes is the third in a series of books of "song poems" inspired by memorable people, places and wisdom garnered over my writing career. Many of these lyrics have been fashioned into actual songs, which have been placed with publishers throughout my career. I cover subjects such as climate change, consequences of war, Christianity, relationships with family and friends and unique characters I have encountered over the course of my life. Some will make you laugh, cry and challenge you to think about life in general. Thank you for purchasing this book.

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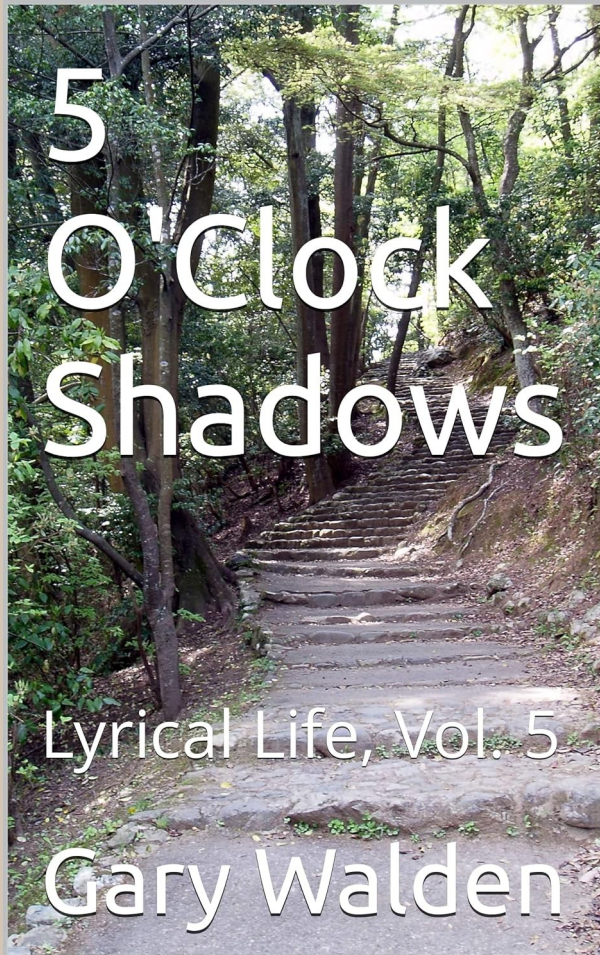
Welcome! to the fourth in a series of books on song lyrics/song poems that were written since my teenage years. The enclosed song lyrics/poems range from romance, Christianity, heartbreak, fantasy and many other subjects that provided inspiration.

"She fell in love with a fisherman, but, he wasn't a good catch; she fell in love with a sitarist, but there too many strings attached" from "She Fell In Love With"..."

We barricaded ourselves, in my parents' room, my father came home drunk, in one of his terrorizing moods. We huddled in the corner, wondering what would happen next, be banged against the door, I was relieved when he gave up and left...my teenage self, said, remember this!" from "Remember This" and "She's got Laura Ashley's in the closet, Cortland intimates beneath her bed, she's not Naughty Monkey's in the kitchen, buying Stride Rite's would be sacrilege" from "Shoe Obsession" are just a brief glimpse into the kinds of poems included in this collection. I also devote a chapter at the end of this book on how to go about 'ursuing a career in song lyric and song poem writing.

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Huddled in the backseat of a stolen Buick, lighting up a joint, parked outside of Pinon Pines, munching on stale Chips Ahoy, some call it an addiction, some call it bliss, I only know I fell out of place, 'Cos, I'm not cut out for this....

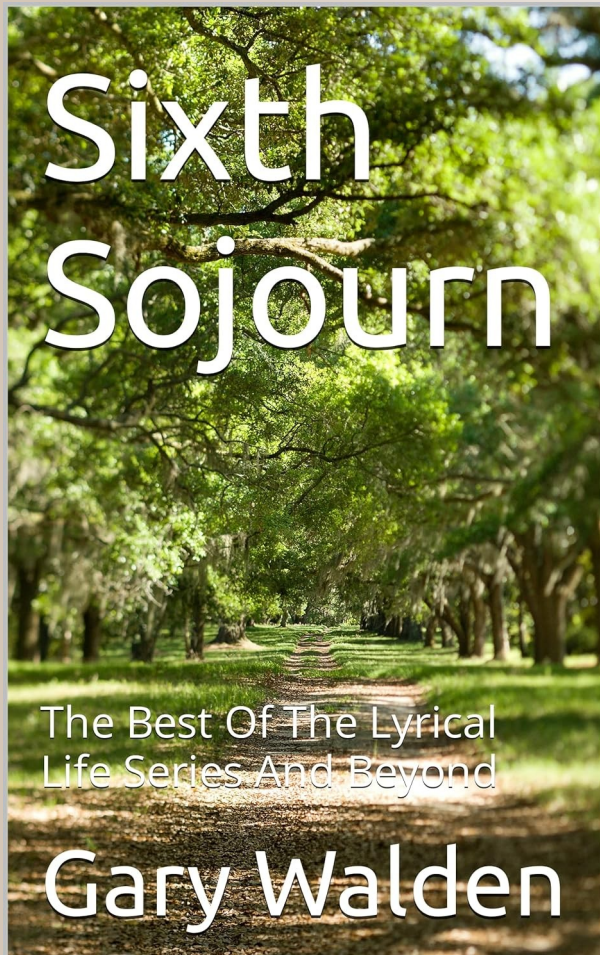
Following in my father's footsteps, wasn't what I had in mind, if I don't grow into my real self, what legacy will I leave behind...

The wheels of her bicycle, they spin round and round, Nico petals fast, Nico slows down. Humming with the bluebirds, as they sing, Nico loves the freedom, this riding life brings.

These are just three excerpts from "Five O'Clock Shadows", the fifth in a series of books written about unique people, life, love, Christian values, and so much more in song lyric form. Some will make you tear-up, some will enlighten you, but, most of all, they will entertain you. Having written over 15,000 lyrics over the course of my life, I've chose more of the best pieces I've written, and still do write, to share my experiences and imagination from this gift I have been blessed with. I hope you enjoy!

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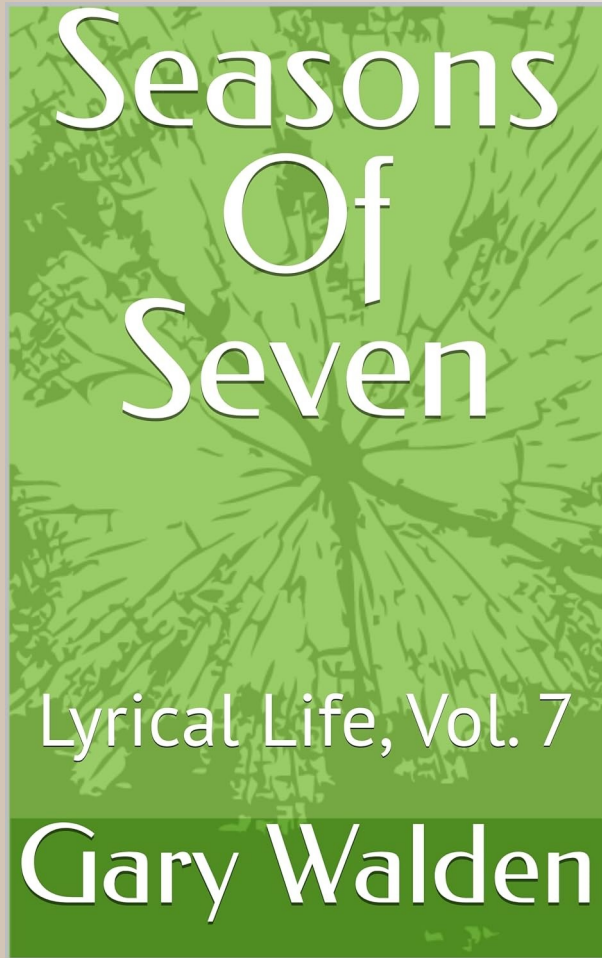
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Sixth Sojourn contains the most beloved song poems from my first five books (*Lyrical Life*, *Second Thoughts*, *Life Happens In Threes*, *Before Time Catches Up* and *5 O'Clock Shadows*), plus, the most recent song poems composed since these books were published.

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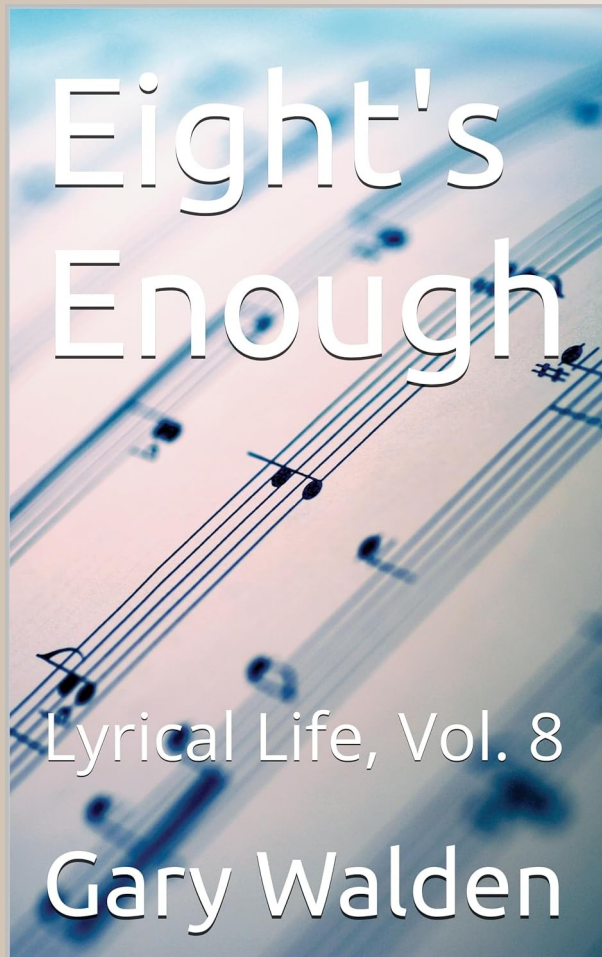
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"He's got a hundred sticky notes, stuck above his desk, his cell phone beeps in rhythm, from all the incoming texts...he drinks gallons of coffee, he's tuned in and wired, the flames of music consume him, he's got too many irons in the fire." "He fell in love with an archeologist, but, she never really dug him, she fell in love with a lifeguard, but, she didn't know how to swim...he fell in love with a dress designer, but, she wasn't really his style, she fell in love with a highway worker, but, he never went the extra mile." "The choir sang hallelujah, the congregation was welcomed, the preacher opened the Bible, as he stood at the altar. He turned to the book of John, read aloud, verse sixteen, with all the faith he had, Christian values, he began to teach...like John The Baptist, like the apostle Paul, like Jesus himself, trying to get his message across...like Martin Luther, like Billy Graham, like Charles Stanley, to every woman and man."

These are a few examples taken from "Seasons Of Seven", the seventh installment from the "Lyrical Life" series. This latest edition of song poems covers topics from everyday life to science-fiction, to Christian values to real persons I've encountered over the years, to life observations to love and romance. I am always open to collaborating with fellow songwriters looking for the right lyrics to their compositions. I can be contacted by email, which is included in this book.

So, sit down, kick up your feet, open your hearts and minds, and enjoy this collection of my latest creations. I know you'll laugh and cry and contemplate all the things I have written about. Thank you, in advance, for purchasing this book. It is much appreciated.

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Witty! Encouraging! Controversial! Heartfelt! Spiritual! Thought-provoking! is how everyone who reads this book will react, once they dive into "Eight's Enough." This is the eighth installment in my series of books of the underrated art of song poems, or, as most people would call them...song lyrics. I cover a wide range of topics from stories based on real life, to science-fiction, to Christianity, to social issues, to ideas that will spark the imagination. "Forever Came Too Soon" will bring tears to your eyes..."Cloud Of Dust" will energize ... "The Class of '71" will take you back to high school days..."Cereal Killers" will make you chuckle. My lyrics/song poems have been influenced by The Moody Blues, Bernie Taupin...lyricist for Elton John, Neil Diamond, Carly Simon, and, Jim Steinman, of Meatloaf fame, among other hall of fame songwriters. You will notice their style throughout "Eight's Enough." Drop me a line via email in the "About The Author" page to let me know what lyrics have touched your life and brought back memories. Thank you for purchasing this latest offering, for your enjoyment.

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