

October/November Newsletter



Wow. So it's been a few months and boy-oh-boy have we been busy. We will start this month by telling you about the family, and THEN we shall move onto our professional endeavors:

We had a vacation in August - a cruise to Alaska! Danny, Kim, and Maxx started their sojourn with a trip to Seattle where we had the pleasure of meeting relatives for the first time in many years - and in some cases, for the first time ever. They were terrific, and we hope we get a chance to see them again sooner rather than later. How special it is to be in a place three thousand miles from your house in a room filled with folks you have never met and still feel at home. We thank them for opening their doors and their hearts to us and hope we have the chance to reciprocate!

Joshua and Rachelle went with Danny's parents to Vancouver for a few days and saw a most beautiful and memorable city - fun, spirited, exciting, and cosmopolitan - and they took lots of great pictures, too.



We all met up on the ship, and set sail for a week's voyage through the Inside Passage. We had the pleasure of being accompanied by our aunt & uncle as well, so between everyone, we suppose you could say this was an excellent holiday, on a relative basis!

Speaking of which, we must heartily recommend Alaska as a vacation destination (from June through August anyway)! It was lovely, placid (and exciting at the same time), AND THE PEOPLE! They were all so friendly. We hope to get back there again someday...

Rachelle is in a new school now! She now attends middle school, and the transition was surprisingly easy. She continues to play the cello, is playing soccer this season, and continues to make us proud.

Joshua is now a gold belt in Tae Kwan Do, and is mid-way to his green belt. He intends on pursuing the elusive black belt, and although we endorse that pursuit, we know it also means Danny must brush up on his Tai Chi, as it's just plain wrong to have a son who can beat you up.

And Maxx? Maxx has started pre-school, three full days per week. Hence, the reclamation of our lives doth begin anew. We thought for sure after twenty minutes the school would call up and demand that we take the little minion back to the bubbling cauldron from which he was spawned, but it turns out they like the little bugger. Turn, turn, turn, as the song goes.



For Halloween, they are donning the following costumes (replete with personalities, too, we might add):



Rachelle, in her own words, is "the ghost of an elfish maiden"; Joshua, his hero (relatively speaking, anyway) Albert Einstein, and "Crash" as Danny likes to call him is dressing up as a Kangaroo avec baby roo in his pouch (actually a puppy but do help keep it a secret, won't you please?)

Danny and Kim are once again bowling! We don't really have anything exciting to report on this front, but the season, she is early, and our talents, it appears, are latent. Que sera, sera, as the other song goes.

At long last, [SONGS FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN](#) is here! Hardcover and softcover are available at our [online order page](#).

Many of these places also have the exceptional taste to stock [ONE SIZE FITS ALL](#) as well!



FURTHER: [SONGS FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN](#) has made it into the [Booksense](#) database! What this means is even if your local independant store does NOT carry it, they can order it in with ease. Please encourage them to do so!

Meanwhile, you can also of course get it at our website, specifically at [Songs For Americas Children](#). Credit cards are accepted there, we'll be happy to autograph the books at no further charge. You will also find a clip of the title song, which, once mixed, will be available at our site in full as a free download - our way of thanking all of you for your continued support.

Now, a word or two about two programs of which we are very proud: the first, [Food For Thought](#), is a corporate sponsorship program. In short, a company sponsors a number of books which are given away to literacy causes in that company's name. Their checks can be made payable directly to [World Hunger Year](#) (they must be sent to us however so we can log them in); this way the company can take a tax write off, too. Everybody wins - literacy causes get books, [WHY](#) gets money, and the company gets a tax write off and good publicity. We have raised several thousand dollars this way AND have delivered hundreds of books to needy literacy causes...do be a part of this, folks! In fact, we are opening this program up to individuals as well, to initiate this season of giving; for any company OR individual willing to sponsor books by the carton we will grant a 55% discount.



Program #2, just in time for the holidays: Give this book out to all of your friends and family as your holiday gift! You will warm them AND help teach the hungry to feed themselves at the same time...something to think about as we devour our turkeys, munch down our latkes, or eat our Christmas pie...and to help inspire you, we are offering volume discounts - and of course you can make your checks out directly to [World Hunger Year](#) (but send them to us!). Where else are you able to do your holiday shopping, aid the impoverished, AND take a tax write off all at once? And at a discount, to boot! We would surely buy a carton ourselves, if we hadn't already bought seven thousand of them...do this. For your family and loved ones, for the people who have less than you, and for yourselves. You'll be glad you did. To take advantage of this volume discount, please send us an email.

What's that you say? You want to give MORE than just books this year? OK, how about MUSIC? As a holiday special running up through New Year's (and not afterwards!), we are offering EVERY ALBUM AT OUR SITE



FOR TEN DOLLARS. The ones Danny has been involved with, and our picks of other indy music too; whether it's [Kevin Kammeraad's Tomato Collection](#), music from [The Grip Weeds](#), [Jim Babjak's Music](#), or [One Size Fits All](#), you can find CDs for \$10.00, AND we NOW TAKE CREDIT CARDS! So help yourself - you KNOW you want to! Just click over to our [Shopping Cart page](#).

Appearance wise, Danny has a radio interview this Saturday, November 2nd on [Dave Zinovenko's Carousel](#), on [89.5FM WPKN](#) in

lower Connecticut - if you live in the area, tune in!

That about wraps it up for this edition. Sorry it's been so long - meanwhile we have thoughts of posting a newsletter every month, but actually sending it to the email list every OTHER month to be less obtrusive. If you have thoughts on this plan, please let us know!

Site of the month: [Childrens Music Web.com](#) - a fine resource for those seeking good music for kids and more on the web .

Rock and roll closer: Graham Nash, back in 1969, observed in his song Pre-Road Downs: "...you'll awaken to joys of livin' hand in glove, and then I will lend you my will, and your days will be filled with love."

Peace, and a happy and safe Halloween to you all.

- Danny, Kim, and their three mischeivous ghouls.



To read our previous newsletters, just click this [News of The Past](#) link.

If you received this in error or wish to be deleted from the database, please just tell us and we'll try not to let it happen again. We take it seriously.