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Abstract

Black and white photograph of poet Carl Sandburg playing a guitar and singing, taken in 1948. The photo is inscribed and signed by Sandburg in the lower right front corner to his friend and editor Catherine McCarthy at the publisher Harcourt Brace.

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Biographical Information

Carl Sandburg was a Swedish American poet, historian, musician, and folklorist. Born in 1878 to poor Swedish immigrants in Illinois, Sandburg had a transient childhood, working odd jobs around the U.S. during his teenage years - as well as briefly serving during the Spanish-American War - before enrolling in college. It only took a few years before Sandburg became known for his writing, both prose and verse. Eventually he became "best known to America as the singing bard...Requests for his lectures began to appear as early as 1908. He was his own accompanist, and was not merely a musician of sorts; he played the guitar well enough to have been a pupil of Andres Segovia" (Poetry Foundation). Sandburg published many of his varied works during his lifetime to great success. He passed away in 1967.

Scope and Content

Photograph of poet Carl Sandburg playing a guitar and singing, taken in 1948 when Sandburg was 70 years old. The photo is inscribed and signed by Sandburg in the lower right front corner to his friend and editor Catherine McCarthy at the publisher Harcourt Brace, which reads "Catherine McCarthy/ who has heard all the songs and is a much cherished listener and friend/ Carl Sandburg/ 1948[.]"

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