

# FIGHTING ILLINI SONG BOOK



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Both authors, born in Pekin, Illinois, met while playing in campus bands and attending classes at the University of Illinois in the late 1950s. Tom's degree in General Engineering and Don's degree in Music, were received in 1960. Don stayed in the music business while Tom established himself as a computer expert and consultant in the field of groundwater engineering. Don's unique arranging skills combined with Tom's musical background and computer expertise, provided the necessary ingredients to produce the Fighting Illini Song Book.

Research indicates no widely circulated collection of Illinois Loyalty songs. With Homecoming first established at the University of Illinois in 1920, and with the celebration of 100 years of football tradition in 1990, it seemed both timely and appropriate for this new song book. Therefore, the Fighting Illini Song Book contains interpretations of the most popular songs associated with the University. These arrangements are contemporary and upbeat in flavor and are meant to be easily played and sung. Tradition, however, is retained. It is hoped that wherever these songs are sung, a spirit of friendship, love, and Illinois Loyalty will abound! Go Illini!

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