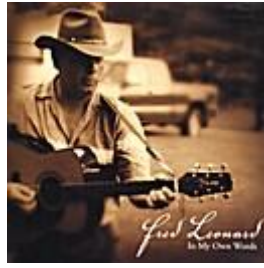


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Treat yourself to 15 original cuts of great story tellin' lyrics, fantastic traditional country/new country songs, that is currently exploding on international radio. 15 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Pop, COUNTRY: Bluegrass Details: "In My Own Words' CD album is one of the very best I've heard from an Independent writer/performer this year! This project could REALLY explode on radio. Exposure is ALL that it needs." Ed King, Country Western Corner Entertainment News, February 2003, Vol. 18 No. 2 "Excellent CD of terrific country songs that tell moving stories. What a gorgeous collection! Each song you penned is a small masterpiece filled with emotion and deep feeling of love of country and people dear to you...a real singing poet and a Patriot. Great!" Miroslaw Desperak, DJ, Institute of Technology FM Radio, Czestochowa Poland 2003 Fred Leonard...In My Own Words I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, have been married for nearly 18 years and have four children. "Cincinnati Town" was written about my hometown; how I believe it to be one of the best-kept secrets and one of the best places to live in this great country. I was influenced, growing up, by many groups of the 60's and 70's. The first time I heard the Beatles, I thought they were some new country group, because of their unique harmonies. I liked the sound and when I was 14 years old I started playing my father's Spanish acoustic guitar that he had hidden in an upstairs attic. I came from a large family of 5 brothers and 2 sisters, so we didn't have much money. Therefore, I had plenty of time to practice the guitar and sing while my friends went to movies and ballgames. I went on to form many rock 'n roll bands and played with many other groups through the years, but nothing seemed to work for me until I started playing country music. Thus "Playin' Country Music" was written. I went on to play professionally for many years in the Country/Bluegrass genre. It seemed that I had found my niche and have enjoyed playing and writing country music ever since. When I was 18 years old, I played and sang for a season on the Delta Queen Riverboat. There I had many

happy times cruising up and down the Mississippi, Ohio and other rivers from St. Paul, Minnesota to New Orleans. Years later, I joined the Jim Bishop Band in Cincinnati and played for many years in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. It was during this time that I really developed a deep love and respect for country and bluegrass music. We were the opening act on several occasions for some well-known musicians, including The Earl Scruggs Band. I went on to play bass rhythm guitars and sing lead and background vocals for a few Top 40 groups in the Cincinnati area, even making it my full time career for a couple of years. I just wasn't happy with Top 40, however, and found myself coming back to country music, where I am today, writing and playing like never before. "Do You See Me in Your Dreams" was written when I was only 16 years old, about a girl I had dated for awhile. I thought I was in love with her, but it wasn't mutual and she eventually "dumped" me. "Paula Jane" was written about my oldest daughter, my first born, who I never wanted to grow up; I wanted her to stay my baby. She still is and always will be! "Grandad's Favorite Song" is a true story written about my grandfather. He influenced my life greatly as I grew up. He made me who I am today in many ways, especially in a spiritual sense. "America" and "The Founding of My Fathers" were written out of my great love for our country, and my interest in politics and American History. "Pray For the Enemy" is a true, blue, patriotic song sparked by September 11 and past wars, about what the American people are really made of when the going gets tough. Through the years, I have had several songs played on local radio and as many as 78 radio stations in the U.S. and Canada, through Trans American Broadcasting Corp., thanks to Shane Wilder, Program Director and Hollywood actor. I have continued writing through the years, to present, and so these selections span many years of my life. I have been in pursuit of a national hit record for many years and have decided once again to pursue this dream. Many people have told me that this CD contains a few hits! I have been told that it just has to reach the right people in the recording industry. I am hopeful that this CD will make it happen! I can't say enough about the many people responsible for the making of this CD, the many musicians, singers and friends. I also wish to acknowledge the unconditional love, support and encouragement of my wife, Becky and daughters Paula and Emily, my sons, Brian and Joey, my brothers and sisters, and the many friends who have believed in me when I gave up on myself. And Mom and Dad, I want to especially thank you for your love and encouragement all my life. When I was young, you encouraged me to never give up. I know that you are with me right now, and have taken time away from your heavenly duties to share these moments with me. I hope you will enjoy my songs and my music. Your friend, Fred Leonard

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