

"A Simple Acoustic Storyteller"

Russ Franzen is an award-winning writer and amateur historian. He believes that, sometimes, the stories that make up our history are better expressed through song.

Russ Franzen's songs tell the stories of people, places and ships that make up the history of the Great Lakes. His songs come from lighthouses and Lake Boats, pioneers and surfmen, and are accompanied by his 12-string guitar.

Russ is available for programs, festivals and house concerts.

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*We stand on the beach looking out
o'er the waves*

*On this great inland waterway
called the Great Lakes.*

*We come here to fish. We come
here to rest.*

*We give thanks as we stand here.
We truly are blessed.*

From *A Great Lakes Prayer*



Russ Franzen is a graduate of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He worked most of his life in radio, television and newspapers in Illinois and Michigan.

His writing has been honored by the Greater Michigan Foundation, the Michigan Political History Society, and the Society of Professional Journalists-Detroit.



*You can travel this wide old
country o'er,
From Fargo to Galveston, from
shore to shore,
If you're not laid up in a clinic or
eatin' cold jail food,
Then whatever else happens, Life
is good.*

From *Life Is Good*

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