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Subject: Re: Ken Blackie - Re: Happy Birthday

Hi David,

At 06:48 AM 2/14/2003 +0200, you wrote:

You always remember. Thanks. I never remember anybody's, least of all my own. As Syd says - another year in the nick of time! (Are you also an Aquarian? I think you did tell me once?*

When you work with the Rod McKuen/Wade Alexander birthday list every day as I do (for posting on the web site) it's pretty hard to forget ANYONE'S birthday!

When you next see Syd tell him I say hi. He gave me his e-mail address when I saw him at your birthday party a few years back and of course I promptly lost it. If you could pass my address on to him I'd love to hear from him. We were in the Air Force together which means we've known each other for around 35 years now!

And BTW, I'm a Leo.

Anyway, I hope you make Rod's 70th - I mean that's really amazing. Music keeps you going forever. If you see him send him our very best wishes. Hope he can find some time sometime, so's that Johan (and the Hidden Years) can get that Market Theatre poetry concert out on CDR.

If I get there I'll certainly talk to him about the Market stuff as well as the SA Concert Collection. I've had a lot of enquiries about the latter (think someone even managed to get hold of you about it) but it's all a question of priorities. Man, if we could get Warner Bros. moving on The Sea etc we could all retire tomorrow! You have NO idea how much in demand THAT series still is.

Getting to NY for the show would be terrific and I hope it happens. Top Billing, the SABC TV show, have asked if we'd be interested in doing some interviews with them as they think the whole story of Rod's site being conceived and run from here is pretty unique. I've told them we'd do it but only if the story had a happy ending ie. Rod and I finally getting to meet, preferably at Carnegie Hall. The producers are looking at their budgets right now to see if they can afford to send a crew, and me, over for the big event.

I'm not holding my breath on this one as our local media have let me down badly on a number of occasions before. Having spent almost my whole working life in the media I'm not terribly impressed now that I'm on the other side!!

BTW, had an ex colleague of Fran's around for dinner the other night. Pam Samuels (used to be Pam Lloyd) is a friend from way back and apparently she and Fran used to teach together though I don't remember where.

Keep well and we'll talk later.

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