

"Mr Harley, I can't thank you enough for your wonderful songs and stories. I have three children ages 5,8,and 9. It is as though you were in our house when you wrote "Pea on my Plate" and "I love My Sister". Our whole family just laughs and sings. I have read every parenting book out there and your CD's have helped me more than any. Instead of yelling or arguing we now break into song, "You're not the Boss of me" or "You're Driving Me Crazy". For a mom who has past the days of Barney and The Wiggles but is not yet ready for Brittany or Usher, thank you for your music." *Denise*

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"We were stuck in a two hour traffic jam driving home from Thanksgiving and were saved by Bill's show on XM Kids. The stories from The Town Around the Bend mesmerized my children (and me)! We're still talking about PigWhistle and the strawberries and peaches in the sky... It was like Prairie Home Companion for kids! Thanks for your wonderful material. " *From a mom in Decatur, GA*

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"I would like to say my family and I (well the kids) loved the story called *You're Not the Boss of Me... Your Friend,*" *Brittany*

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"I really liked Mrs. Ammons and The Boys' Room. I liked the part when the kid got sucked up by the toilet." *Jeff*

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"I was sitting down to eat /just about to begin,/ someone knocked on the door and played 'Can I come in?' /I opened up the door/ what did I see it was the famous Bill Harley /looking at me!" *T.J.*

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"Just wanted to let you know that my children, Marty and Jack love your recordings. We listen to a number of children performers but I always hear, "Can you put on Bill Harley". Thanks for being a good influence on my children!" *Lisa*

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"I got the opportunity to see Bill Harley at my son's school last year and I came directly home and purchased three of his tapes. My two sons, ages 4 and 6, and my niece, age 9, are constantly asking me to put his tapes on. They have memorized almost all of his songs and stories. They will just burst out in song at the oddest times. One of our FAVORITES is "You're Driving Me Crazy". This song couldn't be any closer to the truth. I want to say thank you for singing the songs our everyday life for a child and his parent. Keep up the good work." *Erin*

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Dear Bill; I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful gift of storytelling and music that you've been sharing with our family through your CD's. We had never heard of you, until my sister-in-law sent a copy of "Play it Again" to my children as a Christmas gift 3 years ago. The CD was an instant hit with my kids, and we just had to get more...it turns out that you are a hit with us as

parents, too. We play your CD's frequently, especially in the car, and "Battle of the Mad Scientists" has inspired my kids to produce more than one crazy play. It's refreshing to find someone interested in producing quality entertainment for kids (and adults alike), and almost unheard of that there's no profanity, innuendo, or stuff you hope your kid doesn't repeat while in church on your CD's. Thanks again! *Daniel, Trisha, David (age 10), Stephen (age 8), & Rebekah (age 6)*

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My name is Nicholas and I am a preschool teacher/children's musician. I am contacting you for several reasons, but first and foremost to offer my gratitude to you for creating such great music and in many ways inspiring me to follow a similar path. When I was seven years old, and a second grader at Fales Elementary school you came and put on a very memorable performance. To this day (some 20 years later) I can recall hearing you tell the story of Abiyoyo and have a vivid memory of the Telecaster you played that day (it was just that cool to the 7 yr. old me!). When I finished college and fell backwards into teaching at a preschool (what else do you do with a music composition degree?), "I'm not small" and "When I first came to this land," were some of the first songs that I played with my kids. My cassettes of "Monsters in the Bathroom," and "50 Ways to Fool Your Mother," were lost to time and repeated playings but the songs stuck with me and continue to be a part of my repertoire to this day. I am just grateful for the opportunity to say thank you for enriching my childhood with great music.

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My family first saw Bill Harley...four years ago. What a treat! We all just fell in love with his wackiness and childlike outlook on life. I have since come to appreciate his somewhat grown up side too on his recording for adults and "All Things Considered" materials. One of my very favorite songs remains "Put Your Helmet On." As a mother of five this is a constant mantra and now all I have to do is to start singing the song and they do it with a smile. I have to admit that in a sillier moment I even made up a crazy dance to it which everyone just rolls on the floor at (I'm sure they will someday love for me to do it in front of their teenage friends!) I just love that Bill could take the message of safety and make it so dang fun! Thanks Bill! We love and adore you [our] house! *Rachel*

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Hi!! I am a big fan of your stories. I am 8 years old and I am living in Norway for a year. I can recite almost all of The Great Sled Race!! "Whoa!" said Danny "Whoa!" said I "I think that I am going to die!" I looked at Danny he gave me a grin. 'I might die, but first I'll win!' And then he did it. He put on the after burners. What could I do I put mine on to! As my mom used to say "If he told you to jump of a cliff would you do it?" Guess I would! 'Cause I did! I can recite more, but not right now. I really like Philip in The Battle of the Mad Scientist. He kept eating the circus peanuts! I think it was funny that he threw up the color bright orange!! My family got a kick out of that. Also in the Great Sled Race: 'Oh yea?' I said "Oh Yea" said he. "Oh yea?" I said "Oh yea" he said. "Oh yea, oh yea! Oh yea, Oh yea! Oh yea, oh yea! Oh yea, Oh yea!!" I had better stop writing now. I hope this gets to you! *Lena*

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"Our entire family are new fans ! Our boys (4 & 2) LOVE the stories. We just spent a car trip listening to "Weezie & the Moon Pies" & "Mrs. Lunch Room Lady" -- we listened to the tapes for hours & hours -- and never got bored! Thanks for making the trip more enjoyable !" *Julie & Family*