

# ROBERT EARL KEEN ANTHOLOGY

After 40 years of singing, songwriting, and touring, Alt-Country/Americana artist Robert Earl Keen is retiring from the road. Long-time fans Sandra Johnson Cooper and Ron Cooper believe the time is right for a book that illustrates how Keen has inspired not only a generation of younger songwriters but also has influenced writers of poetry and fiction. Keen is as much a storyteller as he is a songwriter, and this anthology will be a monument of sorts to his literary talents.

- You may submit multiple pieces (say, two short stories or three poems) each inspired by one of REK's songs.
- Each piece should have the title of the song it is inspired by, but please seek approval from the editors before you submit to avoid us getting too many pieces based on the same song. Details will be provided on our website.
- Word count. Three poems maximum, and 4000 words maximum for short stories.
- **Submissions open September 15, 2023, and close December 1, 2023.**
- Pub date September 2024.

What the editors hope for is pieces that take REK's songs into unexpected directions, say, the narrative told by a minor character in a song. Bring fresh perspectives, and ***please make sure that you pick songs that he wrote, not covers from other songwriters.***

Details at:

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