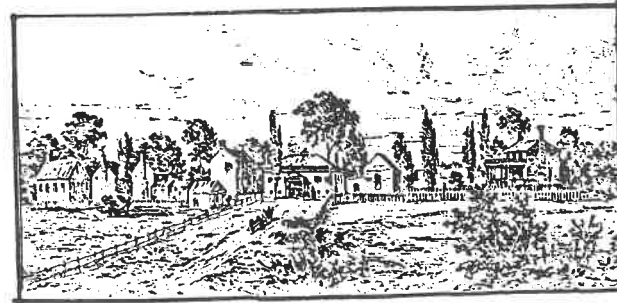


*Edgar Lee Masters'*  
*Spoon River Anthology*

Conceived, adapted and arranged  
by *Charles Aidman*



**TACOMA LITTLE THEATRE**  
September 6, 1986

PERFORMERS

Corky Brown  
Laird Brown  
Jan Collum  
Jack Daniel  
Don Foreman  
Toni Foreman  
John Gayton  
Barbara Gelman  
Herb Gelman  
Virge Groff  
Steve Groves  
Jeannie Haugh  
Donna Kelly  
Red Kelly

Denny MacGougan  
Duncan MacLean  
Rolene Peterkin  
Jack Sage  
Meg Saxby  
Jan Sefarian  
Rich Simpson  
Chellis Swensen  
Marilee Titus  
Elodie Vandevent  
Patrick VanHaren  
Doug Whittles  
Melinda Wilson

And, of course, Tony Karloff.

Musicians

Rhonda and Dave Hall

This play, first produced in 1963, is based on Edgar  
published in

SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY--The Speakers

ACT I

Tom Beatty	Song "He's Gone Away"	John Gayton
	Song "Illinois"	
Mrs. Williams		Meg Saxby
Dora Williams		Rolene Peterkin
Archibald Higbie		Tony Karloff
Walter Simmons		Don Foreman
Deacon Taylor		Duncan MacLean
Emily Sparks		Jeannie Haugh
Benjamin Pantier		Laird Brown
Mrs. Pantier		Corky Brown
Reuben Pantier		Rich Simpson
	Song "Soldier Oh Soldier"	
Knowlt Hoheimer		Patrick VanHaren
Lydia Puckett		Melinda Wilson
Fiddler Jones		Red Kelly
Ollie McGee		Chellis Swensen
Fletcher McGee		Virge Groff
Hamilton Greene		John Gayton
Elsa Wertman		Melinda Wilson
Rosie Roberts		Donna Kelly
Russian Sonja		Elodie Vandevent
Lucius Atherton		Doug Whittles
	Song "Times Are Gettin' Hard, Boys"	
Eugene Carmen		Denny MacGougan
	Song "Water Is Wide"	
William & Emily		Duncan MacLean
		Jan Sefarian
	Song "Water Is Wide" (Reprise)	
Enoch Dunlap		Tony Karloff
Mrs. Kessler		Toni Foreman
Nancy Knapp		Marilee Titus
George Cray		Jack Daniel
Harry Wilmans		Patrick VanHaren
Nellie Clark		Melinda Wilson
	Song "Paper Of Pins"	
Roscoe Purkapile		Herb Gelman
Mrs. Purkapile		Barbara Gelman
A. D. Blood		Steve Groves
	Song "In The Night" (Instrumental)	
Hannah Armstrong		Jan Collum
Faith Matheny		Jan Sefarian
Judge Lively		Jack Sage

Fifteen Minute Intermission

ACT II

	Song "Three Nights Drunk"	
Judge Lively		Jack Sage
Zilpha Marsh		Barbara Gelman
Searcy Foote		Patrick VanHaren
Mrs. Charles Bliss		Rolene Peterkin
	Song "Far Away From Home"	
Pauline Barrett		Corky Brown
The Village Atheist		Herb Gelman
Franklin Jones		Steve Groves
Schofield Huxley		Tony Karloff, Duncan MacLean, Marilee Titus, Jan Sefarian
	Song "In The Night"	
Dippold the Optician		John Gayton, Patrick VanHaren, Elodie Vandevert, Meg Saxby
	Song "In The Night" (Reprise)	
Elijah Browning		Duncan MacLean
	Song "Mornin's Come"	
Alexander Throckmorton		Don Foreman
Amanda Barker		Donna Kelly
Willard Fluke		Laird Brown
Lois Spears		Jan Sefarian
	Song "God Bless The Moon"	
Abel Melveney		Red Kelly
Hod Putt		Jack Sage
Ida Frickey		Meg Saxby
Silas Dement		Rich Simpson
Aner Clute		Toni Foreman
Daisy Fraser		Marilee Titus
Indignation Jones		Denny MacGougan
Minerva Jones		Jan Collum
Doctor Meyers		Jack Daniel
Mrs. Meyers		Melinda Wilson
	Song "Who Knows Where I'm Goin'"	
Mrs. Sibley		Jeannie Haugh
Rev. Sibley		Virge Groff
Willie Metcalf		Doug Whittles
	Song "I Am, I Am"	
Batterton Dobyns		John Gayton
Flossie Cabanis		Elodie Vandevert
Frank Drummer		Denny MacGougan
Barney Hainsfeather		Herb Gelman
	Song "Spoon River"	
Lucinda Matlock		Jan Collum
Petit the Poet		Tony Karloff
Anne Rutledge		Chellis Swensen
	Song "Spoon River" (Reprise)	

The audience is invited to a reception and dessert buffet immediately following the performance.

This play, first produced in 1963, is based on Edgar Lee Masters' collection of short poems published in 1915 as the Spoon River Anthology. In it former residents of a small Illinois town speak their own epitaphs and reveal, with a frankness shocking in its day, the dark side of village life. Masters' book pleased many readers, who made it the most popular American poetry work since Hiawatha, but enraged others who found the characters' confessional speeches morally offensive. Seventy years later the men and women of Spoon River continue to speak the truth about their lives--too often stunted by hypocrisy and injustice and filled with failure and frustration, only occasionally touched by happiness and beauty.

#### Production Staff

Director	David Domkoski
Technical Director	Paul Van Giffen
Set Construction	Peter Helmholz, Paul Van Giffen
Stage Managers	Leon Davis, Len Kannapell, Lara Lee, Paul Van Giffen,
Lighting	Mark Adolph
Artist	Randy Cezan
Program	Judy McCarthy, Betty Minor