

Wolfe filk from Wolfe folk

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 26 Feb 2002, 19:00

Blattid, he quoted Nutria and wrote:

2. I wrote Wolfe a decade ago a list of questions, including what kinds of music he likes best ... He replied that he favors filk, and that was his hobby music. So, SF all the way when it comes to old Gene!

Now, that may be the single scariest thing about GW I have ever heard.
Is he also a Sherman-Yankovic fan, we must wonder?

I hardly need to mention it, but gee. And we have such proven talent around here--alga's paeon to Cordwainer Smith "Miyameefla" (sung to tune of "Mona Lisa") springs to mind. I bet the filk would brew, bubble, and flow.

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 26 Feb 2002, 19:08 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

My dear Mantis,

Actually, Wolfe's work doesn't in general seem all that amenable to filkification, but really that should be perceived as a challenge.

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 26 Feb 2002, 21:50 · follows Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

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My thoughts were more toward using old folk songs. Turning "Greensleeves" into something like:

"Alas, Thecla, you do me slight
Your final friend, your last boy-slave
When I have loved you from first sight
And will love you beyond your grave.

Chatelaine of Matachin
Chatelaine of my heart bright
Chatelaine of traitor kin
Escape with my shiny knife."

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