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### Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

### Keywords

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EMMY! HENRI!

# Christmas Wishes 1986

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from

Maggie & Ray Bradbury

My father ties, I do not tie, my Christmas tie.  
 On some December night long, long ago  
 I tried to try --  
 My first tie snarled upon my vest,  
 My hands all thumbs,  
 And presto-chango,  
 Something Awful This Way Comes.  
 My father quietly came by  
 And studied me and stood behind.  
 "Be blind," he said.  
 "Stay off of mirrors.  
 Let your fingers  
 Learn to do."  
 His lesson lingers. What he said was true.  
 Eyes shut,  
 With him to help me over-up, around and under-out  
 Somehow a knot miraculous came about.  
 "There's nothing to it," said my Dad,  
 "Now, son, you do it. No, eyes shut!"  
 And with one last dear blind perceiving  
 He taught my crippled fingers  
 Arts of weaving. Then, turned away.  
 Well, to this day, how dare I boast,  
 I cannot do it.  
 I call that long-gone sweet-tobacco-smelling ghost  
 To help me through it.  
 He helps me yet;  
 Upon my neck, his breath, the scent of his last cigarette.  
 There is no death, for yestereve  
 His phantom fingers came and helped me tuck and weave.  
 If this be true (it is!) he'll never die.  
 My father ties, I do not tie, my Christmas tie.

R. B.

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EMMY, FROM  
KENNEDY CENTER,  
WASHINGTON D.C.

2. GIFT FOR  
HENRI:  
MY PLAYBOY  
GRAPHICS  
ART BOOTH!

3. GIFT FOR  
BOTH OF  
YOU - MY  
AUDIO  
RECORDINGS  
TAPE!

ALL  
THIS  
TO

CELEBRATE  
PEPPERDINE  
(SORRY I MISSED  
IT!)

AND CHRISTMAS!  
LOVE!

Ray

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