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WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AND HOW HAS IT SHAPED YOU?

Many years ago, I wrote my girlfriend a love song. One of my brothers played and recorded two guitar tracks for it. I recorded the vocal melody and harmony, mixing everything on my computer. I presented it to her on Valentine's Day. She was so impressed, she later married me! My wife has been a wonderfully important influence in my life.

ADVICE TO YOUR 20-YEAR-OLD SELF?

I would give myself a list of everyday life skills and say, "Work on these; you only think you've mastered them."

WORDS TO LIVE BY?

The Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you," is a principle to aspire to, but difficult to live by.

IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD IT BE?

I'm happy to live my comparatively boring nonfiction life, but I would choose Admiral William Adama from Ronald D. Moore's reimagining of *Battlestar Galactica*.

FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION?

For me the drive can be the destination, because on a short enough highway, I may drive just to see the end of the road (looking it up on Google Street View isn't quite the same). If I had to pick a destination I've been to again and again, I'd choose a local one, the Wildwood Preserve Metropark in Toledo. It's a great place to relax after work, even when you look around and see a few hundred other people had the same idea.