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Rev John and Shirley Murray, c 1980

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“as hilarious as it is enlightening”

— David Hartnell MNZM

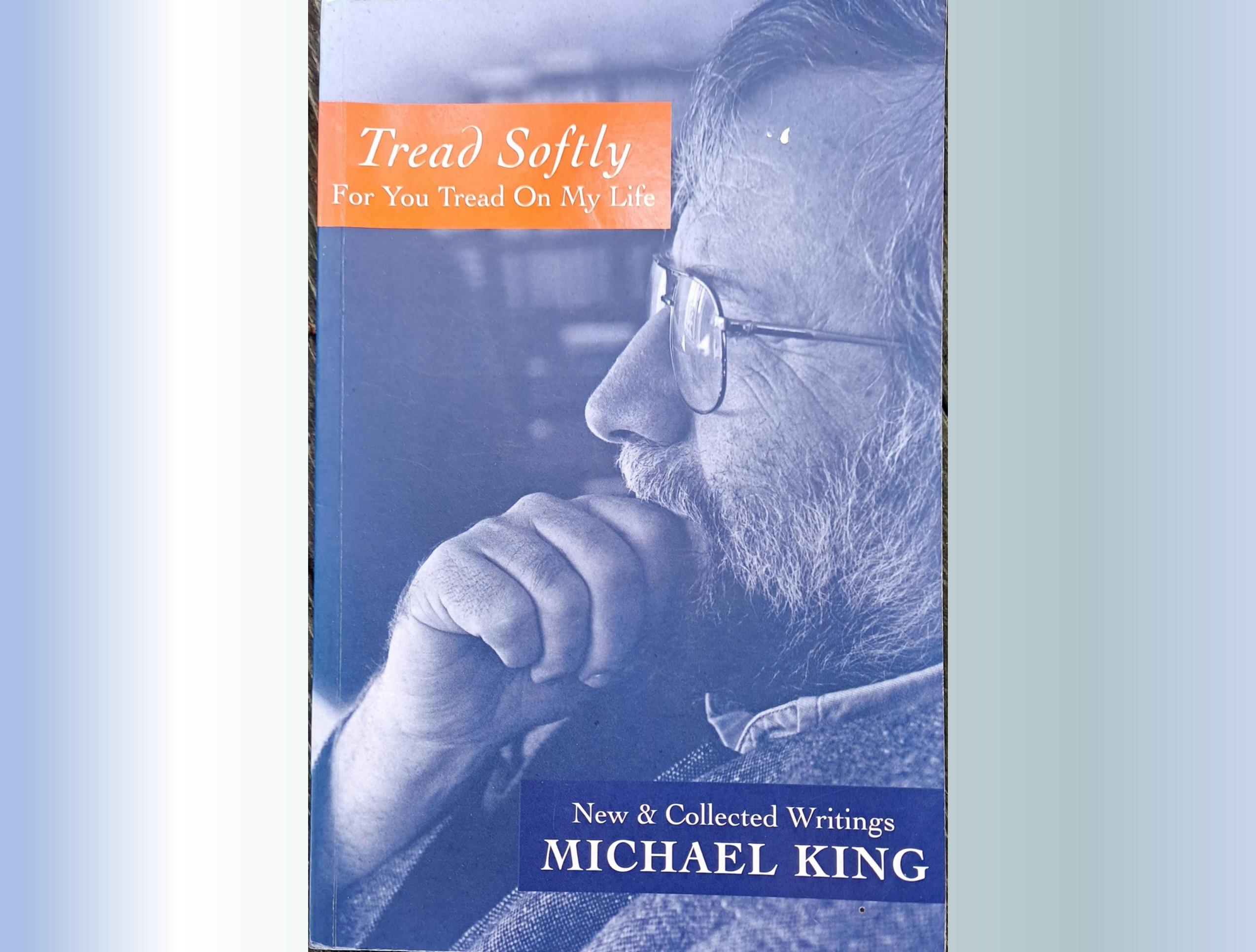
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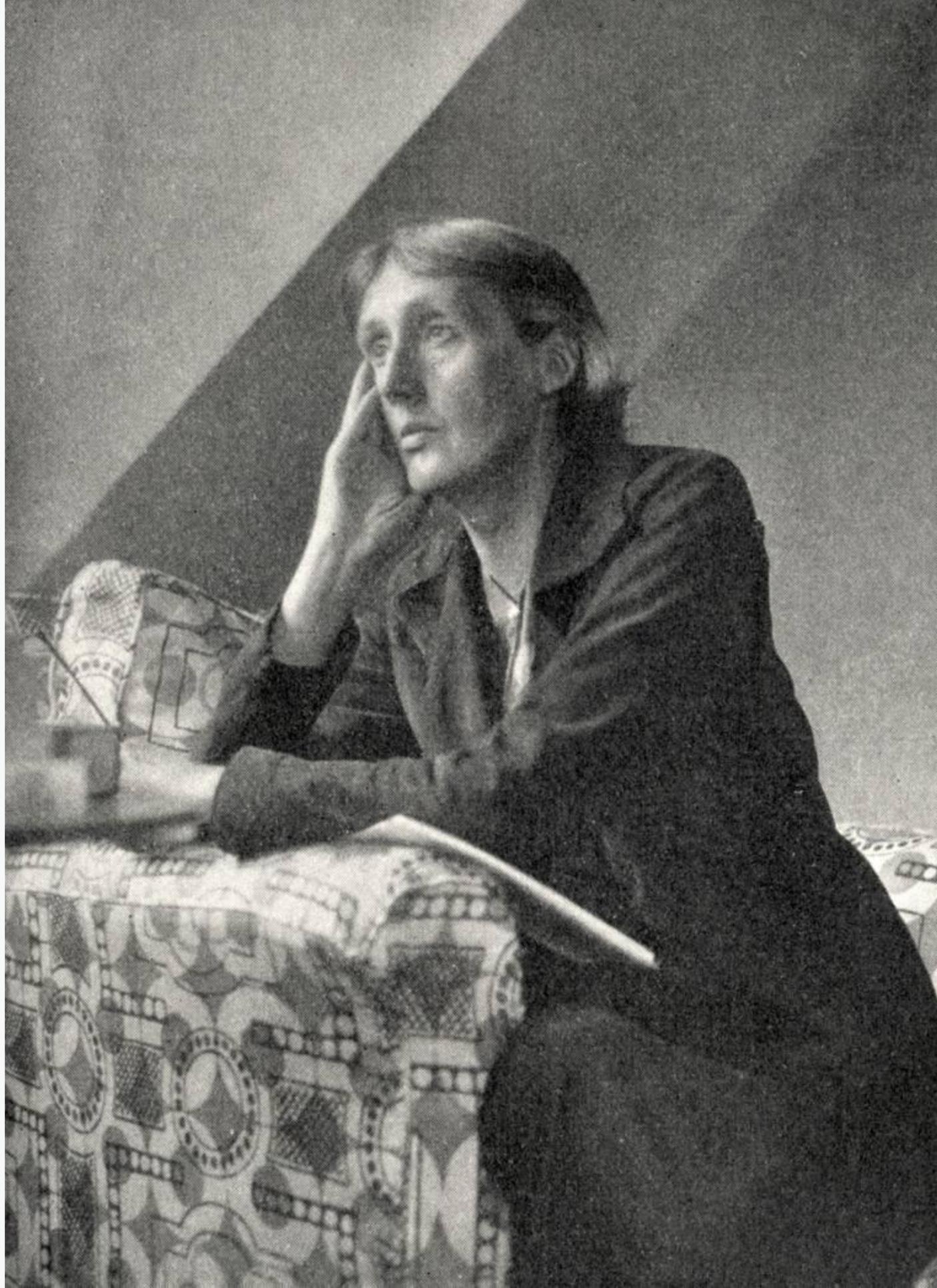
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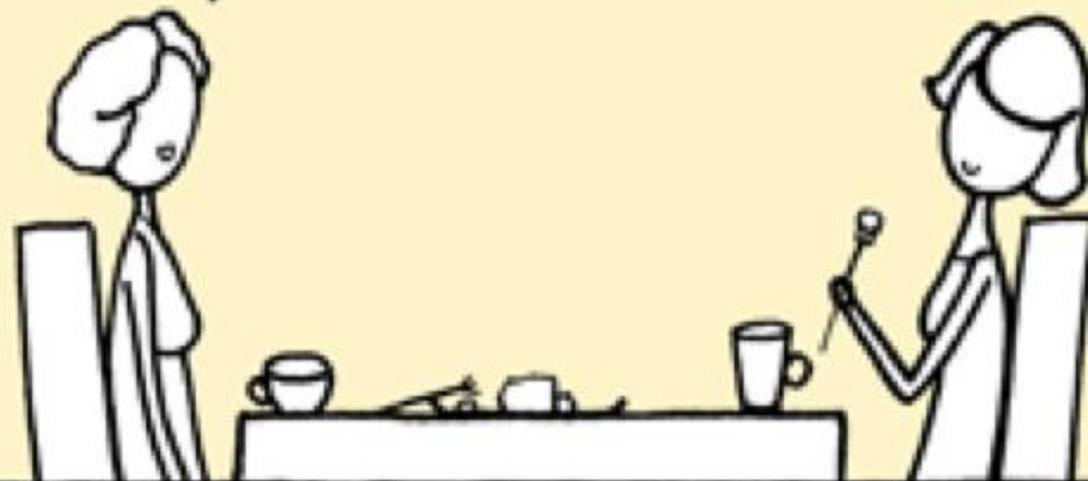


Writer Virginia
Woolf



THANKS SO MUCH
FOR LETTING
ME GO ON,
YOU'RE SUCH
A GREAT LISTENER.

BREAD
MILK
CEREAL
BROCCOLI
EGGS...











Shirley and Bruce Cockroft, Invercargill c1934







Shirley at Middle School, Invercargill, c1940



Shirley, head prefect Southland Girls' High School, standing beside principal Muriel May



Miss M. W. May, M.A.
1941-1956.





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Peace is Her Song

The life and legacy of hymn writer
Shirley Erena Murray

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Professor Geering replies to heresy charges

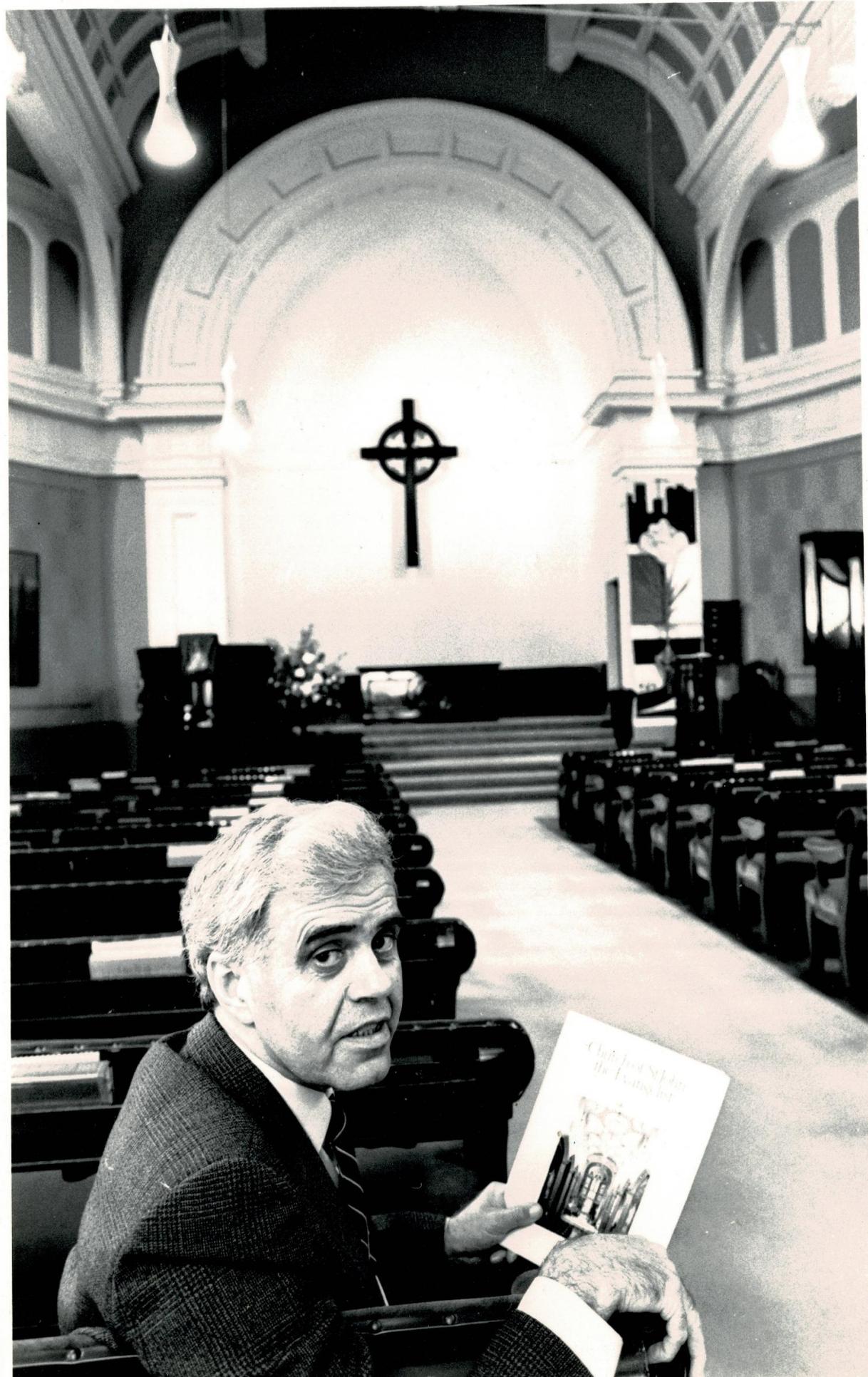
'Only sleepiness is disturbed'

CAMPBELLTOWN (11/11) was not the point of the church to feel disturbed, said the professor, and all should thank God that it had been disturbed. Professor I. G. Geering, principal of Knox Theological Hall, told the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly today when replying to heresy charges.

HERESY CHARGE REPLY

Heresy debate

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Protesters on Hill Street, Wellington, marching against the Sprinkbok rugby tour, 1981.
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It is Time! A song about White Poppies for Peace, 2015

Verse 1

*It is time! Let the white poppies bloom
and the blood of the past stain no more;
it is time... for the sowing of seed
that will outgrow the jungles of war.
and the soul of the world will be healed,
and the darkness give way to the sun,
and the terror of nuclear night will be gone
in a peace that will never be done!*

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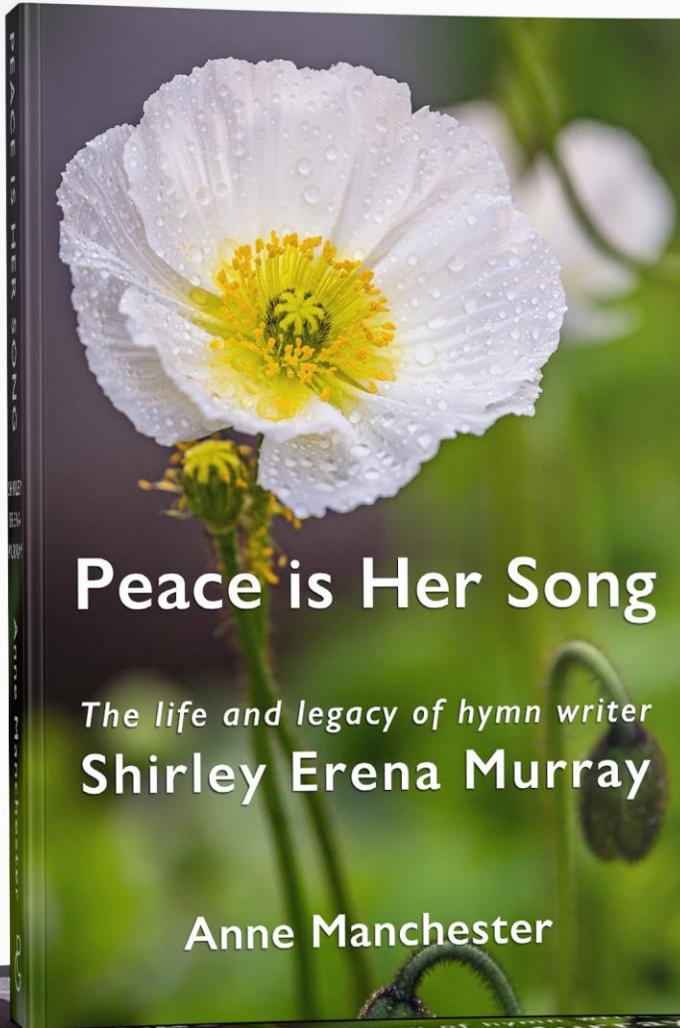
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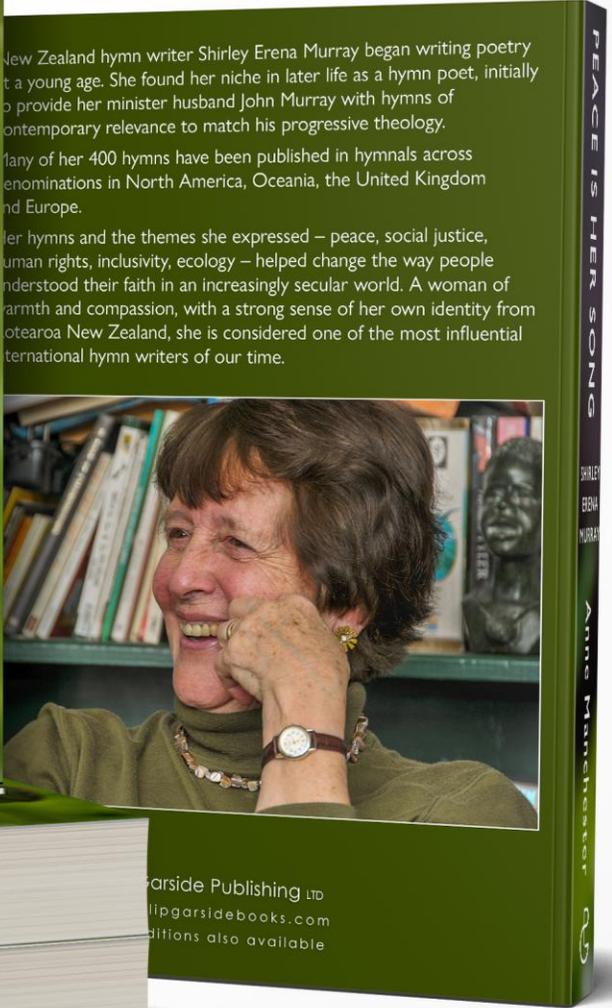
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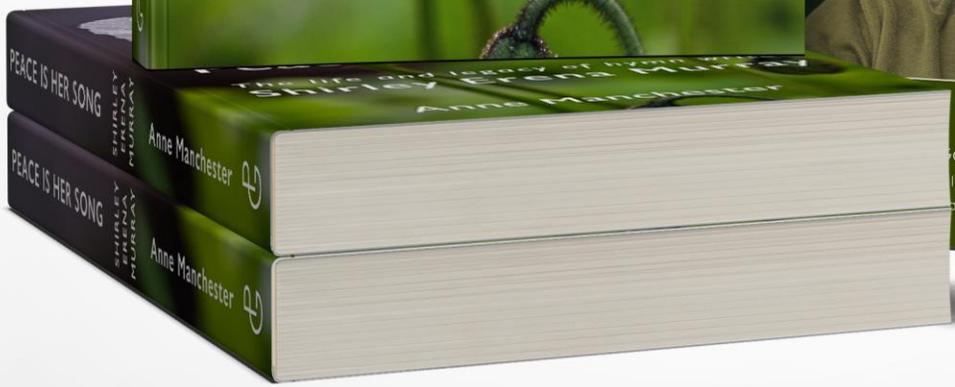
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Shirley at her home in Raumati South. Photo: Stuff, 20 January, 2006

This Thread I Weave, 1987

This thread I weave,

this step I dance,

this stone I carve,

this ball I bounce,

this nail I drive,

this pearl I string,

this flag I wave,

this note I sing.

**This pot I shape,
this fire I light,
 this fence I leap,
 this bone I knit,
 this seed I nurse,
 this rift I mend,
 this child I raise,
 this earth I tend.**

**This cheque I write,
this march I join,
this faith I state,
this truth I sign,
this is small part,
in one small place,
of one heart's beat
for one great Peace..**

