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"Stephen Roddy - I am so happy that we now have a website for Inland Children's Chorus. My two brief years in the Chorus (around 1963-64) had a major impact on my life. I was one of the few children who were admitted into the Chorus because my father was Minister of Music at a local church (at that time Westwood Baptist...which later moved to become Far Hills Baptist). I will never forget my first rehearsal and the fear and trepidation of having to learn "do-re-mi" backwards. I also remember the wonderful gifts we all received at Christmas. In fact, I still have my "Brownie" camera and grey bag! The most memorable impression was standing on the stage when that glorious Austrian curtain came up. I'll never forget the strict rehearsals and the excitement of performing on a concert hall stage. I still cherish my two Inland Children's Chorus Christmas albums! After two degrees in music and many years working in large Texas churches, I founded the Houston Children's Chorus in 1989. Visit our website at www.houstonchildren.org. We sometimes perform upwards of 75 concerts per year --- many times for the President and world leaders. We were featured in the opening ceremonies of the Superbowl in 2004, as backup vocals to Josh Groban. We have the unique privilege of performing regularly with the Houston Symphony. My girls wear formal long dresses and the boys are in tuxes...just like the "old days". ha! SO...it's all because of those wonderful years in the Inland Children's Chorus! [Posted: May 17, 2010]"