

Carl the Singer



“Carter Family” *Wikipedia*.
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Beginning in 1927, the Carter family was a very popular country music group, especially in the southern states.¹ They were best known for “close harmonies.”²

For some reason a talent scout associated with the Carter family came through Shallotte, when Carl was about ten years old.

At that age, Carl had a magnificent soprano voice. He frequently sang solos at the local Baptist church, the one at which Alvie, was a decon.

I do not understand how Carl was invited to sing, since most of the congregation thought he was possessed by the Devil. Perhaps they thought his singing would be a way to exorcise the Devil out of him.

Carl said that he was “discovered” by this talent scout begged Alvie and Goldie for permission to take Carl to the Carter Family and launch a singing career. Again, Alvie’s religious beliefs came into play, and Alvie absolutely refused to allow Carl to enter show business. Alvie also considered show business the work of the Devil. Therefore, there was no way that Carl would become a professional singer.

I find it truly remarkable what later happened to Carl’s singing voice. As an adult, when he sang hymns at Gifts of the Spirit Church, Carl constantly sang off key. He was always a bit flat to the rest of the congregation. This makes me wonder, if it was Carl who was singing, or a Spirit entity.

¹ “Carter Family” *Wikipedia*. <http://www.answers.com/library/Wikipedia-cid-129695638>

² “Carter Family” *Encyclopedia: Columbia University Press*. <http://www.answers.com/topic/carter-family>.