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### Original song inspires new children's book

A song celebrating diversity and universal connection comes to life in *Beads on One String*, a new children's picture book by Minnesota singer-songwriter Dennis Warner. The book features Warner's original lyrics and the compelling message that we have more in common with people around the world than we have differences. Beautiful illustrations by regional artist Alison Love Unzelman portray a world where dreams are shared between people of all ages, sizes, colors and cultures. Says Unzelman, "*Beads on One String* shares a truth I believe."

The book includes sheet music and a CD featuring a live recording of Warner's upbeat song. Whether spoken or sung, *Beads on One String* receives enthusiastic reviews from educators and parents alike. Warner writes, "The idea for this song came about by visualizing a beaded necklace, with each bead representing a different person. The beads are all different sizes, shapes and colors, but all held together by the same string." Warner hopes that the book will help readers of all ages recognize how much we have in common — a simple, but powerful step to building better relationships around the world.

Beads on One String is currently available on the Internet at www.WarnerSongs.com,

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# **Dennis Warner**

#### What people are saying about *Beads on One String*

"A thoughtful and creative way to illustrate how individuals, though different, are connected with a common thread, like *Beads on One String*." — Shahzad Ahmad (Director, Multicultural Student Services St. Cloud State University)—

"This book is perfect for children - both the young ones and the ones my age! **Beads on One String** will help us realize how much we have in common with each other." — Charmi Schroeder (Motivational Speaker / Author) —

> "This song celebrates what children already know instinctively that we are all one and each beautiful." — Diane Moeller (Principal, Kennedy Elementary School, St. Joseph, Minnesota) —

More reviews can be found at: www.warnersongs.com

#### About Dennis Warner...

A Minnesota resident, singer-songwriter **Dennis Warner** loves spending his free time outdoors in nature. Several of his songs include references to favorite hobbies such as sailing camping and star gazing.

On stage, Warner is best known for his skilled musicianship, quick wit and the special gift of captivating the audience. Warner's unique blend of music and humor bring him to more than 100 cities each year with concerts in major theaters, clubs and festivals throughout America.

Warner has released many CD's, appeared on numerous radio and TV shows, and received his most notable honor for song writing with an invitation to perform in concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. *Beads on One String* is Warner's first children's book.

#### About Alison Love Unzelman...

Alison lives in Minnesota with her husband and their two boys. She has been drawing and painting for as long as she can remember. Her professional background is that of graphic designer, digital artist, mural painter, and now ... illustrator.

This latest experience has combined her passions for children's books, children's art and the inclusion of children in her work that might not commonly be represented. "My greatest sense of accomplishment comes when children look at my paintings and are able to see themselves there. So, it was a wonderful experience illustrating Dennis' song. *Beads on One String* gives children and families a message of love and peace with diversity."