

## Chuck Sullivan (USA – Scotch Irish descent) - Poet

Sullivan was born in NYC and graduated from Belmont Abbey College, NC. After college, he spent a year as a VISTA volunteer, working with migrant laborers in Florida and West Virginia. He completed his MFA in Creative Writing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. *A Catechism of Hearts* won South Carolina's Best Poetry Book of the Year for 1980, and *Longing for the Harmonies* received North Carolina Poetry Council's best book award for 1992. In 1989, PBS filmed and broadcast a documentary about him, also titled *Longing for the Harmonies*. His poetry has appeared in Esquire, Rolling Stone, Texas Quarterly, Southern Poetry Review, Carolina Quarterly, International Poetry Review, and numerous other publications. In 2004 Chuck was awarded the Mary Frances Hobson Award in recognition of his achievements in literature and in 2005 was honored with the Sam Regan Award for lifetime achievement in arts and letters. A gifted educator, Sullivan was the NEA Poet-in-Residence at Butler University in Indiana, and is currently Poet-in-Residence in North and South Carolina. Every summer since 1979, Chuck teaches poetry and philosophy at North Carolina Governor's School East, where he is chairman of the English Department. https://chucksullivanpoet.com

## Call to action:

As The Beatles sing, "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make."

"So let us embrace and help by any means of kindness necessary all our brothers and sisters regardless of color, ethnicity, handicaps, religion, or sexual preference. Souls in action will light the way like the lamp beside the golden door to save our perishing republic from itself." - Chuck