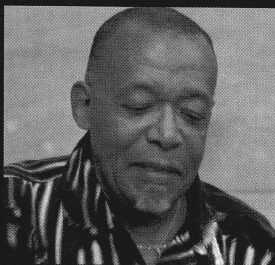


## About The Author

**H**ilton Gregory Hemerding was born in New Amsterdam, Berbice, British Guiana on March 10, 1947, to Josephine London (nee Burnett). He was adopted from birth by her first cousin Rev. David Hemerding.



He attended St. Gabriel's primary School and Queen's College (QC). On leaving QC, Hilton taught for a while at County High School in Buxton Village, a school owned by Eusi Kwayana, before becoming a Student Teacher at the Multilateral Secondary Teachers' College.

In 1982 Hilton competed in the Mashramani Calypso Competition as 'Hit Man Hemerding' and was crowned Calypso Monarch. He was a Music Adjudicator during Guyfesta Sessions, and had the opportunity of representing Guyana in Cuba, Barbados Suriname, Dominica, St Lucia, Canada and Jamaica.

Hilton has also performed and played in a number of Bands both in Guyana and the United States. He has never stopped singing and has the distinction of performing as a Balladeer, Gospel Singer, Jazz Singer, and Calypsonian. He said: "Music is my Love and my Life." To crown his achievements, Hilton received a National Award in 2017, the Golden Arrow of Achievement, which now allows him to use the initials AA behind his name.

