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Garrison Keillor says 'Be cheerful, it could be worse'

Longtime humorist talks, sings during Sinai Forum

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MICHIGAN CITY | Wearing his trademark red sneakers, Garrison Keillor parted the curtains Sunday night and appeared on stage at the Purdue North Central Sinai Forum at Michigan City High School.

The popular author, radio personality and humorist, singing his version of "Let Your Light Shine on Me," wandered down from the stage and up and down the aisles, inviting the audience to sing along.

Keillor regaled the audience with his homegrown poems and stories of his upbringing, and explored the meaning of

truth in his storytelling.

SOME PRECEPTS OF KEILLOR:

- "Be cheerful, it could be worse. Some day it will be and you'll look back at this time and wonder why you didn't enjoy it more. So enjoy it more."
- "The way to get something done is to do it. And the way to stop doing something is to not do it anymore."
- "Never marry someone who doesn't have a good sense of humor. Make sure of

this — she is going to need it."

• "It is no easy matter to be married to your best informed critic. So look before you leap."

• "Past the age of 18, if you want a really nice birthday party, you have to give it yourself."

Keillor advised not to discuss a relationship "with the person you're in the relationship with."

"And don't use the word relationship," Keillor said.