

## **Bio of George Cory and Douglas Cross**

This song was written in 1954 with the original title “When I return to San Francisco” by a couple who had moved to New York from San Francisco and were feeling nostalgic. The music was written by George Cory. Douglas Cross wrote the lyrics. Both were unknown songwriters at the time. Little has been written about them still to date.

They pitched the song to Tony Bennett’s musical director, Ralph Sharon. He changed the title twice and eventually settled on “I Left My Heart in San Francisco.”

Tony Bennett won *Record of the Year* and *Best Solo Vocal Performance, Male* for the song. “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” was named the city’s official song in 1969.

Both Cory and Cross were honored for writing “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” in The Songwriters Hall of Fame. Apparently George Cory did eventually return to San Francisco as he died there in 1978.