

## If I Had to Name One Song

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There are dozens, hundreds of songs I love to hear. Picking a favorite is nearly impossible. What would it be? An instrumental by a Big Band of the 30's and 40's? A good start would be music from one of the following: Glen Miller, The Dorsey's, Mantovani, Henry Mancini, Jackie Gleason, Burt Bacharach, Nelson Riddle, Les Baxter, or Andre Kostelanetz, to name a few.

Individual singers should also be included, such as: Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Sarah Vaughn, Lionel Ritchie, Joni James. Rod Stewart, Neil Diamond and dozens of others.

If I had to choose one song from a group that I love to hear, it would be any song from ABBA. They have not performed for many years. I started a list of songs from singers I love to hear from any other group or individual; the list amounted to more than a hundred titles. Some were old, some were new, but all were totally enjoyable.

Do you remember these? To Dream the Impossible Dream, Make the World Go Away, Singin' in the Rain, Unforgettable, Don't Get Around Much Anymore, Night and Day, You Are the One, Canadian Sunset, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, The Days of Wine and Roses, Amazing Grace, Dancing in the Dark, For the Good Times, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, and many, many more.

If I had to name one song that would be my favorite, it would also include my favorite movie and my favorite novel by the same name. The title is *Exodus*, written by Leon Uris. It is the story of Jewish refugees trying to reach Israel by sailing through the British blockade.

So most of the music and songs I like were written, played or sung some time ago. It seems to me that most of the 'hip-hop' songs being sung today by 'Boppers' are nothing more than loud noise. Besides the noise of 'hip-hop' songs of today, we can go back many years and find some music that makes no sense. My spell-check computer almost went crazy over this one! Remember? "Chickory-chick, cha-la-cha-la, checkaloroma, innebananica, bollica-wollica, can't you see? Chickory-chick is me!" Holy-moley, what a song!