

Memories Through Songs

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“Dearie” Do you remember when ... our days began with “Oh What a Beautiful Morning” and ended with “Red Sails in the Sunset”. Weather wise “We're Having a Heat Wave, A Tropical Heat Wave” to “Walking in a Winter Wonderland”.

In between there were “April Showers” which might bring “Pennies From Heaven.” “In the Good Old Summertime” we had “Blue Skies” and “June is Busting Out All Over.” We were “Singing in The Rain” on “The Sunny Side of the Street”.

Young boys were singing “I'm the Sheik of Arabi” and wishing they were, while “Standing on the Corner, Watching all the Girls Go By”.

The girls were “Katie, Beautiful Katie”, “Peg of My Heart” “Louise, Every Little Breeze Whispers Louise”, and “Mary, Mary - Its a Grand Old Name”.

And of course let's not forget Spike Jones's “Clo -- oo -- ee”. And the love songs! “There's no Tomorrow When Love is New”, “I Love You a Bushel and a Peck”, “Let's Build a Stairway to the Stars”, “Heaven I'm in Heaven”. In the heavens there were “Blue Moon”, “Moon Over Miami”, “Full Moon and Empty Arms”, “Moonlight and Roses”, “Racing With the Moon”, “By the Light of the Silvery Moon”, and “Paper Moon”.

War came and “You're in the Army Now”, “Bell Bottom Trousers”, “Off We Go Into The Wild Blue Yonder”, and “From The Halls of Montezuma” were sung.

As the boys left, they reminded us to “Take Good Care of Yourself”, and “Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, with Anyone Else but Me.”

“Saturday Night was the Loneliest Night of the Week”, “For Me and My Gal”, for “I Walk Alone”, “Just Me and My Shadow”, “I'll be Seeing You”.

Away the men were thinking “I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?” and disappointed, some sang “I'm going To Buy A Paper Doll, to Call my Own.”

We all wanted to go on “A Sentimental Journey”, on the “Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe”.

On the war front they sang, “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition”, “Johnny Got a Zero Today”, and “Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer”.

At home there was “Rosie the Riveter”.

All were waiting for “When the Lights go on Again All Over the world”.

We danced to “String of Pearls”, “In the Mood”, “Pennsylvania 6-5000”, and “Boogie, Woogie Bugle Boy of Company 'B”.

Boys came home singing “Kiss Me Once and Kiss Me Twice, It’s Been a Long Long Time.”

Girls sang, “I’m in the Mood for Love”, “Love Walked In”, and “I Want to get Married”.

They did and went on their “Aba Daba Honey Moon”, heading West singing “Don’t Fence Me In”, “I Got Spurs That Jingle Jangle Jingle” and “Buttons and Bows”.

Soon we had the “Anniversary Waltz”, and spouses sang “Mañana”.

We learned a lot from songs. Where else would we have learned that “Mares Eat Oats”, “Windshield Wipers go Shush Shush’ and “No, No, Don’t Put Bananas in the Refrigerator” and above all “You Get No Bread With One Meat Ball”!

All was not lost though for we learned to “Accentuate the Positive” and “You Can be Better Than You Are, You Can Be Swinging on a Star” . .

“Dearie”, if you remember these songs ... you’re much older than I.