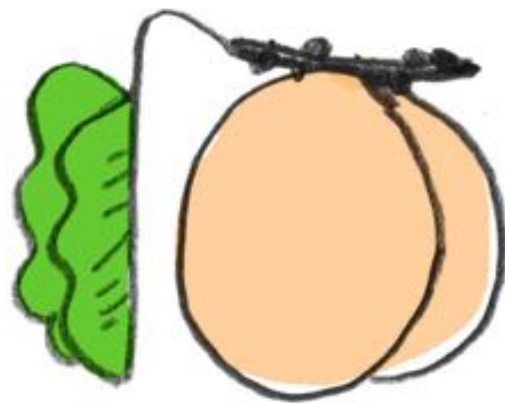


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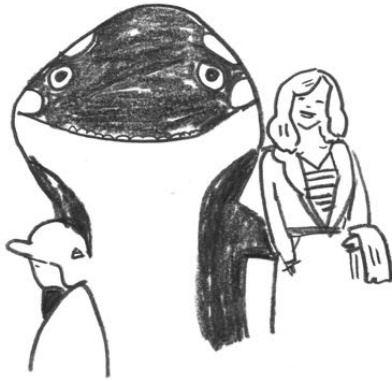
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becky gusman it has being 48 years . you
dedicated this song to me the year was 1965,
what i want to say is that i still dream of
you the most beautifull girl in east los
angeles rosevelt high for ever. flaco.

– Leonard Perez

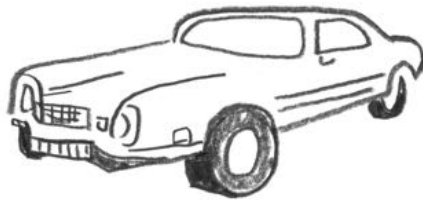
“I Do Love You” - Billy Stewart



A girl had this song played for me in 1984 that I met at Sea World in San Diego, all i remember was spending the entire day and evening with her..we were in our teens then...never saw her again and i still think of her today every time this song plays

– davidw0603

“Against All Odds (Take a Look at Me Now)” - Phil Collins



I was in my early 20s and on my way to Germany in the Army when this song came out in the late 70s. I had a brand-new 1979 Camaro and I was listening to this song at a beach called Playa Del Rey in Los Angeles. The radio station that played it has long been gone, but for those who lived in LA during that time might remember KGFJ 1230 AM. While listening to this song, I met a woman who changed my life. Sadly, when I returned from Germany, I could not find her. So this song is for you Marie.

– pmd467

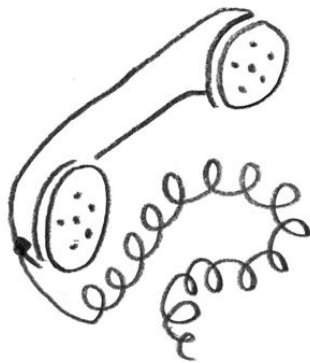
“This Is for the Lover in You” - Shalamar



i rember back in in the late 80s i was at a
festivel in whitter ca and met a girl that grew
up with my friends we were dancing to this
song in the rain just a light mist it felt good
becouse it was hot a girl i went to highschool
with was the singer in the band to we went to
her house to hang out one thing led to
another i remember that whole night like it
was yesterday a perfect night you only get a
few of those in life only when your young
and everything is still in front of you.

– Richard Gallegos

“Dancing in the Moonlight” - King Harvest



I dated a young lady in high school because we both believed that the number eight song is beautiful...Just by chance we sung it over the phone to each other and when we got to the part where 'you place it on it's side it means 'infinity'...I heard her weeping...We had great joy together till we had to go on to college...She became a nurse and I became a music teacher...I dedicate this song to SUSAN AURAND of Dominguez High School in Compton.

– meanmon

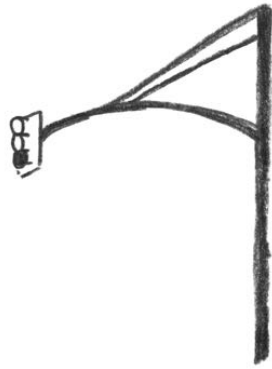
“Figure Eight” - Blossom Dearie



I came back from Vietnam in late 1970 and by the summer of 1972 I was working for an airline up at LAX and living in a sweet apartment in Huntington Beach, California. I remember this recording and I remember burning holes thru pair after pair of socks, dancing in the kitchen while listening to this song on my record player (Garrard turntable & Harmon Kardon amp) and knocking down (steel) cans of Coors Banquet (no Coors Light back in the day). I was home from The Nam, alive and living large.

– Ron Cromer

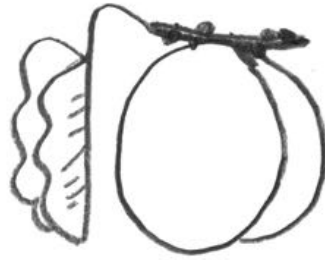
“I’ll Take You There” - The Staples Singers



R.I.P. carnalita Maria De Lourdes Mendez
this music will allways remind me of you
cruising downtown San Jose and on King and
Story how i miss you hermanita sorry i wasnt
the brother i could have been and i should
have been i thank God 4 the time k m presto
con tigo el t necesito ya mas k nosotros I love
and miss you dearlly pray 4 all of us con
ganas de verte 1 dia de estos

attentemente tu hermano Chito

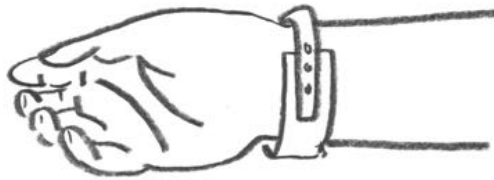
– bigapplediams73



I love this song so much it gets me goose bumps every time I listen to it. i'm Asian American living in California I grew up here grew up in the project section 8 on welfare we did everything we can worked at the farm picking string beans cutting apricots. Did all we could stick together as a family and made it to where we are at have our own house good paying jobs. I am now a test engineer at a corporation I love how this song articulate struggle and uncertainty but there is a hint of hope!

– elitem3

“A Change Is Gonna Come” - Sam Cooke



1976. I was a young EMT in SoCAL. I had the late night shift at the hospital; no one was busy, and the ambulances brought in a young kid, not much younger than me. Her name was Shola. She was from some rich family in Malibu. She was beautiful. She tried to kill herself by running across the PCH, close to Pepperdine. This was her song. Somehow I always seemed to spend time in her room. I never saw her again, but this song always brings those memories back.

– chinaclipper1

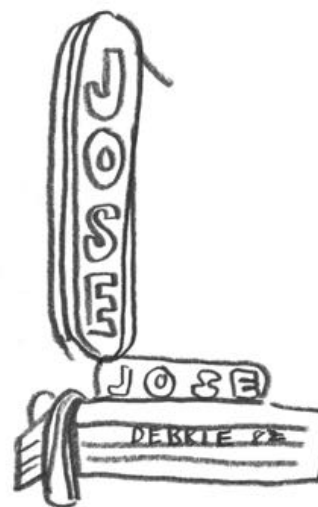
“Dreamweaver” - Gary Wright



One year ago...Jimmy...i left you with
Greg....and you passed away...after 52 years
with me....i love you so much....our son
Greg...it was so hard...this was Our song...
or one of 3000...but this is the one that i had
that ring made for you of silver and gold in
the 70's with a street artist...in SF and we got
married with in Yosemite.....

– annemarie gettys

“You Got the Silver” - The Rolling Stones



Debbie. 1982 San Jose

– ed polk

“I Keep Forgettin” - Michael McDonald



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