**Memories Shared Memories Shared Thro' Song**

**PART ONE**

I COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT 1956

(MY FAIR LADY)

GENERAL SUBJECT - DANCING

MARCH - New York opening of My Fair Lady. Julie Andrews and Rex Harrison star (also on London Stage). However, Audrey Hepburn starred in film. Her singing was dubbed.

MAY - First Self Service shops

JUNE - 3rd class coaches on British Rail go.

JULY - Electro Random Number Indicator Equipment unveiled. What was it?

NOVEMBER - First Premium Bonds on sale.

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EVERY TIME WE SAY GOODBYE 1944

GENERAL SUBJECT - Partings, but more importantly greetings again - positive not negative

JUNE 6th - D Day.

JUNE 14th - V1 flying bomb hits London.

JULY - 2nd evacuation from London.

AUGUST - German Officers executed for plot to kill Hitler.

Paris liberated.

SEPTEMBER - V2's - Silent rockets.

NOVEMBER - Lights on in Piccadilly and Strand.

DECEMBER - Glenn Miller missing over Channel.

Never found.

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MEMORY (CATS) 1981

GENERAL SUBJECT - Animals

JANUARY - Ronald Reagan inaugurated President of the USA .

FEBRUARY - Prince Charles & Diana engaged.

Torville & Dean win for Britain European Ice Dancing title.

(Russians held for 12 years).

APRIL - Bob Champion beats cancer wins National (was given 8 months to live in 1979).

Steve Davis Snooker Champion - aged 23.

MAY - Pope John Paul II shot - wounded.

JUNE - Blank shots fired at Queen in Mall at Trooping of Colour.

JULY Charles & Diana marry.

AUGUST Jessie Matthews dies - one of C.J. Cochrane's young ladies in music hall

- also Mrs Dale in Mrs Dale' s diary

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TONIGHT (WEST SIDE STORY) 1957

GENERAL SUBJECT - Looking forward to a future to a visit from a friend,

dinner, even small events are important.

JANUARY - Harold Macmillan new P.M. after Anthony Eden resigns through ill health.

TV Detector Vans introduced.

FEBRUARY - 1st broadcast of TV series Tonight.

APRIL - Announced that last National Service call­ up will be in 1960.

MAY - Emergency petrol rationing ends.

JUNE - Fishing village Benidorm - New Spanish resort.

AUGUST - Corpulent Olly (Laurel & Hardy) dies (200 films).

SEPTEMBER - Mousetrap longest running play 1,988 performances.

OCTOBER Asian Flu Epidemic.

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HE WAS BEAUTIFUL 1976

GENERAL SUBJECT - Trust -(another trusted me completely)

MARCH - John Curry wins skating Gold Medal.

MAY - Harold Wilson causes outcry - names his secretary and designer of his raincoats in New Years Honours.

Inflation drops to 18.9%!

DECEMBER - Dixon of Dock Green (Jack Warner) ends.

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VILIA (THE MERRY WIDOW) 1907

GENERAL SUBJECT - Stage Musicals

FEBRUARY - Strike over pay in Music Halls. Sylvia, Christabel, Emily

Pankurst arrested after march.

MARCH - 72 Suffragettes jailed. Refuse to pay fines.

APRIL - Channel Tunnel Bill squashed.

JULY - 1st Boy Scouts Campled by Sir R. Baden Powell. Then

Boy Scouts formed July 29th .

AUGUST - Concern over cigarettes - but doctors argue.

No clear case against moderate smoking.

SEPTEMBER - 1st Conference of Methodist Church.

NOVEMBER - Lusitania fastest time crossing Atlantic 4 days 19 hours 82 minutes. Only Mauretania faster. It was her maiden voyage this month -

she is bigger and therefore faster.

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MEDLEY

Song I

AS TIME GOES BY 1931

GENERAL SUBJECT - Time

JANUARY - 1st announcement of immunisation against polio.

APRIL - 1/4½d (Petrol per gallon).

SEPTEMBER - £ devalued.

AUGUST - Labour lose - Coalition Government.

SEPTEMBER - King takes pay cut of £50,000 a year during financial crisis .

OCTOBER - Landslide in election in favour of Tories. 1st traffic lights

Oxford St London. Speeds up evening rush hour by 90%.

DECEMBER - Traffic lights now to be used all over Britain.

MEDLEY

Song II

A NIGHTINGALE SANG IN BERKELEY SQUARE 1940

GENERAL SUBJECT - Birds

MARCH - Queen Elizabeth I Maiden Voyage. Meat rationing begins

APRIL - Gone with the Wind released. Purchase tax on Cigarettes -

now 8½d packet.

Petrol goes up to 1/11½d.

DECEMBER - Top hit of 1940 - Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square.

MEDLEY

Song III

AT THE END OF THE DAY 1951

GENERAL SUBJECT - Friendship (be ready to greet every man as a friend)

FEBRUARY - Whiskey goes up 1/8d per bottle to £1.15s.

Wettest February since 1870.

MARCH - Ivor Novello dies.

MAY - Festival of Britain.

Men to receive pension at 65, women at 60, not 70 and 65 as

first planned. Pleasure Gardens open -Festival of Britain.

AUGUST - Dartmoor becomes a National Park.

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PART TWO

SOUND OF MUSIC 1959

GENERAL SUBJECT - Music

APRIL - 1st trial of Hovercraft - inventor Christopher Cockerell. Sir Winston says he will stand for Parliament again aged 85.

MAY - Donald Campbell water speed record 260.35 mph.

AUGUST - Mini born (car). Green conscious - proposed M1 motorway route changed to save a forest.

Average cost to house hold for food is £1 8s Id per week.

OCTOBER - Errol Flynn dies aged 50.

New MP - Margaret Thatcher.

NOVEMBER - Duty free alcohol introduced at Prestwick & Renfrew - later London airports.

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SUMMERTIME (PORGY & BESS) 1935

GENERAL SUBJECT - Summer i.e., warmth, flowers, insects, water etc.

SEPTEMBER - Malcolm Campbell land speed record 276.8mph.

APRIL - Cat's Eyes invented by Percy Shaw -first used on British roads.

Petrol I/6d a gallon.

MAY - Silver Jubilee George V & Queen Mary.

SEPTEMBER - Malcolm Campbell land speed record 301.337 mph.

NOVEMBER - Announced there would be a new Gatwick airport in early 1936 .

DECEMBER - General Election Huge Majority Tories - 432 Labour 154.

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THE GREATEST LOVE - 1977

GENERAL SUBJECT -At the beginning of track tell group to listen to the words - they are beautiful - discuss children and consider the lessons they give us if we let them.

JANUARY - Anthony Eden dies.

FEBRUARY 6th - Silver Jubilee of Queen's succession.

MARCH - 594 die in Jumbo crash (2 collide on ground) in Canary Islands.

JUNE 7th - Silver Jubilee festivities . Beacons across nation.

JULY - Average house price in S.E. England £16,731.

Colour TV License up to £21, Black & white £9.

NOVEMBER - Queen has first grandchild

Princess Anne has son Peter.

CAN'T HELP LOVIN' THAT MAN OF MINE 1928 (SHOWBOAT)

GENERAL SUBJECT - Black Americans - slavery through to today's equality.

JANUARY - First State Pensions for people over 65 (10/-).

FEBRUARY - Malcolm Campbell land speed record 206.75mph.

MARCH - Vote for women over 21 (previously 30). Skull cap fashion takes off.

JUNE - Emily Pankhurst dies.

SEPTEMBER - Penicillin first discovered by Professor Alex Fleming.

Mickey Mouse born.

OCTOBER - Elastoplast first manufactured in Hull. Iron lung first used on

young Polio victim in USA.

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THE WAY WE WERE 1973

GENERAL SUBJECT - Remember with happiness & joy, love shared.

FEBRUARY - Women allowed on Stock Exchange floor for first time.

MARCH - Princess Anne denies romance with Mark Phillips.

Noel Coward dies.

APR1L - Picasso dies.

VAT introduced.

MAY - Princess Anne engaged to Mark Phillips.

JULY - Paul Gettie' s grandson kidnapped- ear cut off.

OCTOBER - Oil war. Arab States increase prices by 70% .

NOVEMBER - Princess Anne married.

Petrol rationing threat.

Power workers & miners strike.

Year of Watergate.

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WALTZ OF MY HEART 1939

(THE DANCING YEARS)

GENERAL SUBJECT - Seasons (The Winter is driven away and Spring is returning anew)

JANUARY - 400 planes a month built for RAF.

FEBRUARY - £580M. to be spent on defence by Government.

Germany - Bismark launched.

Nylons on sale in U.S. $1. 15 (5/-).

Jews valuables confiscated.

APRIL - Defence budget up to £1.322M.

Conscription.

JUNE - Duke of Norfolk sells Littlehampton!!

He owned all of it.

AUGUST - Wizard of Oz - Judy Garland.

All moveable treasures taken from Museums and Galleries.

Children evacuated from British cities & Paris.

SEPTEMBER - War declared.

NOVEMBER - Butter and bacon rationed.

DECEMBER - Sugar and meat rationed.

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YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE (CAROUSEL) 1945

GENERAL SUBJECT - Hope and Prayers

JANUARY - 1st Boat Train to Continent for 5 years.

APRIL - Hitler commits suicide - shot

Bride of one day Eva Braun - poisoned.

MAY - VE day.

JULY - Labour landslide after coalition.

AUGUST - Hiroshima destroyed

Petrol rationing ends.

14th Aug - VJ day - street parties.

OCTOBER - Bile Beans for health.

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AVE MARIA

The date of the Ave Maria is irrelevant - it was written so long ago - its inclusion is simply therapeutic. It is therefore very important to ask for general memories before you play this track.

