

Dear Lola,

Glad you liked my piece about pop songs being hymns. I thought that might strike a familiar note among people of our generation. What a coincidence that “My Prayer” was playing when you read the column. Even their hit “A Heaven on Earth” carries that religious imagery. And how amazing that “Only You” was “Your song.”

Growing up in the 50’s the platters were my very favorite group and I had a lot of favorites. I think Tony Williams range was absolutely amazing. “Harbor Lights” and “Red Sails in the Sunset” were also much loved and played. Later, I really got to like “The Drifters.” And also Roy Orbison. Of course Elvis was in a league of his own.

I think Baron’s sonnet is really good and very much reflects the serious minded, no nonsense young guy I remember in my class. He stood out because I thought he’d have something of the impish, fun-loving personality I remember in Wanda. It just goes to show how different siblings can be from each other. Baron seems to have been a true idealist and potential Ministry material.

Well, it was great to hear from you again,, and I hope you two finish out this looong winter in good style. Thank Heavens the temps aren’t sub zero. The 20’s seem balmy if the wind doesn’t blow.

Yours, looking forward to Spring,

Gene Pinkney

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