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*Mark and Family     David and Sherry*

### Sad Songs

Ever wake up one day to realize you missed something?

This happened to me. The “something” I had missed was not life changing, like discovering that my wife is also my half-sister.

I realized I’ve lived without really hearing to the words of songs over my first seven decades. That began to change over the last year as my world slowed down. The pandemic, a personal health scare, and couple of surgeries all combined to tell me to slow down and listen to a lot of things.

I just never seemed to take the time to hear the words of most songs. Shoot, I couldn’t even sing in the shower because I didn’t know the words. Listening to a song is different from hearing the words.

Sad songs have grabbed my attention. I don’t know why I’ve listened to more sad songs lately, but I think it’s the nostalgia of looking back on my life. I

absolutely enjoy positive, happy, and funny songs so I’m not inching toward the edge of a cliff with the sad songs. There is just so much heart and emotion in sad songs and I appreciate the artistic value of a well-written song performed by the right voice – which means most any voice that’s not mine.

Most of the sad songs I’ve begun to appreciate have been country songs ... old country songs. Many of these old country songs I didn’t listen to until maybe the 1990s. Some are older than others. The Brooks & Dunn performance of “Believe” grabs my heart. “Husbands and Wives” (Brooks & Dunn), “Always on My Mind” (Willie Nelson), “The Dance” (Garth Brooks), and “Loving Her Was Easier” (Kris Kristofferson) are gems of sad songs.

Perhaps the all-time saddest song ever recorded (my opinion) is George Jones’ performance of “He Stopped Loving Her Today”

released in 1980. Rolling Stone has this song as #275 of the 500 greatest songs of all time. Every time I hear that song, I hurt for him.

While we were visiting my son, Scott, I was talking with Anna Beth, my 19 year old granddaughter. I asked her what the saddest song she has heard. She started thinking but was drawing blanks. I threw out “He Stopped Loving Her Today” and asked her if she had ever heard that song. She said she had, probably when riding in the car with her dad, she explained. It’s good to know she’s being raised right.

Anna Beth then threw out her nominee. It was “I Wish Grandpas Never Died.” I had several moments of silence until I regained my composure.

*David*



## “Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

### What Am I, Chopped Liver

**Meaning:** A rhetorical question used by a person who feels they are being given less attention or consideration than someone else.

**Origin:** The origin of this phrase is not really clear. I have, however, heard of two theories that may indicate how this expression came to be. The first is that liver is not always viewed on the same level as other foods. For example, if a person is cooking a chicken, they'll oftentimes throw away the giblets, you



know, like the liver or gizzard. Or instead of throwing the giblets away, the person will cook them, not for themselves, but for their pets to eat. Hence, since liver is not usually as desirable to eat as other foods, the expression might spring from such an idea.

Another explanation, as Wikipedia explains, is that “chopped liver was traditionally served as a side dish rather than a main course.” So the idea would be that sometimes, a person might feel like their thoughts or feelings are not being considered fully as they should, so they feel as though they are being treated like a side dish.

### Wild Goose Chase

**Meaning:** Pursuing something that seems to be pointless or unattainable.

**Origin:** It's believed that this phrase's origin is rooted in some type of 16th century horse racing. Apparently, back then, a “wild goose chase” was a horse race in which the lead rider would be pursued by other riders, which is said to be similar to how geese flying in a formation will follow the one in the lead. However, the rules and details of this sort of race don't seem to be very clear; the opinions on it vary.



This phrase was used in a figurative way by William Shakespeare in the play Romeo and Juliet, believed to have been written in 1594 or 1595: “Nay, if thy wits run the wild-goose chase, I have done, for thou hast more of the wild-goose in one of thy wits than, I am sure, I have in my whole five: was I with you there for the goose?”

### Wouldn't Harm A Fly

**Meaning:** Someone who is mild, gentle, or kind.

**Origin:** There are plenty of people who would have not hesitate when it comes to harming a fly, and by that I mean killing a fly. Flies are known to carry a lot of different diseases with them, and these diseases can be transmitted to humans and animals. Besides that, flies can be quite annoying too; they oftentimes buzz around your head when you're busy working on something, or they'll land directly on the food that you're about to eat. Hence, this phrase suggests that someone is so gentle, or nonviolent, that they would not even harm a single, pesky little fly.



### 3 USES FOR DRYER LINT

Hopefully, everyone removes the lint from our dryers before starting a new drying cycle. It's important to do this easy step that reduces the likelihood of a dryer fire in your home. We see these fires frequently though our textile and electronics restoration business, CRDN of Birmingham. So don't forget to clean your lint filter between every drying cycle.

Believe it or not, there are some practical uses for dryer lint. Here are three:

1. Since dryer lint is simply clean cotton and other fibers, it a perfect filler for giving stuffed animal a little more bulk when needed.
2. Dryer lint is a good source for bedding for pets – like your gerbils, hamsters, and mice.
3. If you like a wood fire in the fall and winter, save your lint, put it in an empty toilet paper roll, and wrap it newspaper, and tuck in the ends. It's an easy fire starter with a clean burn.

Since we're on dryer lint, be sure to clean out your dryer exhaust hose twice a year. The hose can build up more lint that you expect, so if you need extra filler or bedding, the hose is another source.

## CHAMPION CLEANERS

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**Vestavia Hills**  
**Hoover**  
**Mountain Brook**  
**Shelby County**

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 Minimum 3 Items - Limit 20  
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**WASH DRY & FOLD SERVICE**  
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**BEDSPREADS**  
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 1 coupon per household  
 Good for orders received in July  
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**Fireworks**



The Chinese invented gunpowder, and as a natural extension of this, they also created fireworks. They were initially invented to frighten away evil spirits. Since then, they have been the major manufacturer of

fireworks to this day. They are made of explosives contained inside a cardboard tube and are designed to have four components: noise, smoke, light, and floating components (like confetti). Complex fireworks are made up of a number of such tubes to create a greater variety of sparkling and colored shapes and explosions. Fireworks are used throughout the world to celebrate special events such as state or religious holidays.  
 HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup>!

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**NEWSLETTER JULY 2021**

**Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:**

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold

**And we do...**

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

**What did King George think of the American colonists? He thought they were revolting!**

**Where did George Washington buy his hatchet? At the chopping mall.**

**What happened as a result of the Stamp Act? The Americans licked the British!**

**What's the difference between a duck and George Washington? One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill.**

**Why were the first Americans like ants? They lived in colonies.**

**What quacks, has webbed feet, and betrays his country? Beneduck Arnold.**

**What did the fuse say to the firecracker? Lets get together and "pop it like its hot".**

**Time To Do This...**

- ✓ Schedule furnace maintenance now and beat the October rush.
- ✓ Make an emergency list for baby-sitters and school kids on vacation
- ✓ Tackle patio and sliding door tracks.
- ✓ Print vacation packing lists for family travel.
- ✓ Check washing machine hoses.
- ✓ Hold a garage sale.
- ✓ Pest patrol: inspect yard and garden for carpenter ants or termites.
- ✓ Control garbage can odor with a can clean-out.
- ✓ Make a safety inspection of children's outdoor play equipment.