

# Remember When the Music

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Remember when the music  
Came from wooden boxes strung with silver wire  
And as we sang the words, it would set our minds on fire  
For we believed in things, and so we'd sing

Remember when the music  
Brought us all together to stand inside the rain  
And as we'd join our hands, we'd meet in the refrain  
We had dreams to live, we had hopes to give

Remember when the music  
Was the best of what we dreamed of for our children's time  
As we sang we worked, we knew time was just a line  
Gift we saved, a gift the future gave

All the times I've listened, and all the times I've heard  
All the melodies I'm missing, and all the magic words  
And all those potent voices, and the choices we had then  
How I'd love to find we had that kind of choice again

Remember when the music  
Was a glow on the horizon of every newborn day  
And as we sang, the sun came up to chase the dark away  
And life was good, for we knew we could

Remember when the music  
Brought the night across the valley as the day went down  
And as we'd hum the melody, we'd be safe inside the sound  
And so we'd sleep, we had dreams to keep

So now I feel that something's coming, and it's not just in the  
wind  
It's more than just tomorrow, and it's more than where we've be  
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It's something like a promise, it's something like begin  
Don't you know we're needing something worth believing in

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For we believed in things, and so we'd sing and so we'd sing