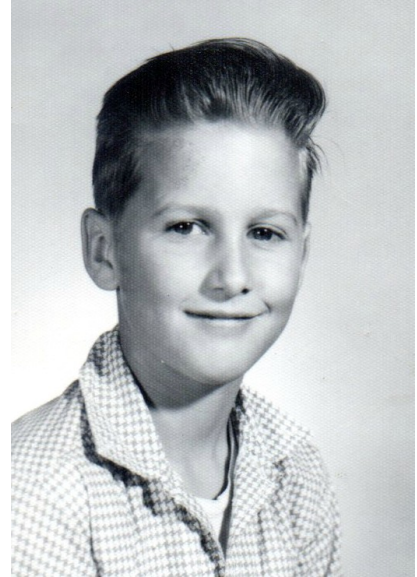


Dear friends,

In keeping with the nostalgic themes with which we normally open these Activity Pages, I thought I'd tell you a story about young love – its excitement, its promise, and its almost inevitable woes. It's a true story, one from my own past. And it begins at Roller City, a roller skating rink located, in those distant days, on Alameda Avenue just west of Federal Boulevard in Denver, Colorado. It was a balmy Friday night when I first spied my Cinderella – a lovely, lithe thing with a cute smile, pink ribbons in her blonde hair, and very “girly” bows of matching color hanging on the front of her white roller skates. It might have been love at first sight but certainly by the time we skated hand in hand under the multi-colored lights in a romantic “couples skate,” I was a goner. Indeed, I fell more madly in love than I had at any other time in my whole life.



I was 10 years old.

I drop in that fact because it proved to be the relevant point in the impending tragedy of unrequited love. For you see, it turned out there was an unbridgeable gap in our ages. I was just getting ready to go into the 4th grade whereas I learned she was going into the 5th grade! Yipes! I had fallen for an older woman! How could I break it to her? And how would I deal with the rejection I knew must follow? I was in a terrible jam and so...and I'm not proud of it...I made up a lie. And quite a lie at that for I didn't merely claim to be a 5th grader like her. Oh no, I boasted that I was going into the 6th grade.

Could I get away with such a falsehood? Well, I was tall for my age and, as I remember, oh-so-mature. (Smile.) But, best of all, since we would only see each other on those Friday nights when our parents drove us to Roller City, I thought I might pull it off...at least until I was old enough to quit school and run away to sea.

But alas, it was not to be. My lie was exposed fairly quickly and in the most remarkable and alarming way. Here's what happened. Because our family was being extended with the fifth child coming along, my family made a move that summer from a little house on Cowell Street to another slightly bigger house on Decatur Street, not far from Loretto Heights College. My new school was Glennon Heights. I entered school on that first day full of hope and excitement and confidence but all that was dashed in the first few moments. Because, right there

walking down the hall of that very school was my roller-skating darling! What an earth-shattering shock for my young, lying self! Now she would discover the horrid truth. I wasn't 12 years old; I wasn't in 6th grade; I was just a conniving 10-year old punk from the 4th grade! My life, I figured, was over.

However, I did figure out during the course of the day (the longest of my life) that there were a couple of possible exits from my dire predicament. Number 1? I went home, humbly confessed my folly to my parents, and explained to them why we had to pull up stakes again and immediately move to another neighborhood...preferably another state. But, terribly insensitive to my plight, they refused that option. My Dad asked, "So, what's your second idea?" I told him, "Okay, listen. You know how you occasionally threaten to send me to a military school when I misbehave? Well, I think I deserve that punishment now. So, I'm ready to go and I'm sure it will be the making of me. Shall I start packing?"

Uh, you guessed it. They rejected that idea as well. And so, there I was -- forced by a providential judgment to own up to my pride, my presumptions, and my shameful prevarication. But, of course, the humbling scene when I confessed and apologized to Cinderella made a better man out of me...well, a better kid anyhow.

And the moral of this sad tale? Well, you can probably see several but there's one I've always considered primary; namely this...before you ask that cute thing to join you in a romantic "couples skate," check her ID. You might just be avoiding a bucket load of trouble.

Until next time,

Denny (for Claire too)

Multiple Choice Questions:

1) According to the Lerner & Loewe song from *My Fair Lady*, where does “the rain in Spain stay?”

- A) “In the flowered lane.”
- B) “Down the drain.”
- C) “In the plain.”
- D) “For a loss and not a gain.”

2) Edmond Rostand's play about a proud, romantic, and long-nosed swordsman was:

- A) *Cyrano de Bergerac*
- B) *The Count of Monte Cristo*
- C) *The White Company*
- D) *Scaramouche*

3) Cab Calloway’s theme song?

- A) “Blues in the Night”
- B) “Minnie the Moocher”
- C) “One O’Clock Jump”
- D) “Pennies From Heaven”

4) In 1962 this biblical song was a big hit for Brook Benton but it was also recorded by Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Phil Harris, and Kay Starr.

- A) “David & Goliath”
- B) “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”
- C) “Daniel in Babylon”
- D) “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego”

5) In what country would you find Cape Town, Pretoria, Durban, and East London?

- A) Wales
- B) England
- C) South Africa
- D) Egypt

6) Potatoes served *au gratin* are...

- A) Served with fried tomatoes and mushrooms
- B) Baked and topped off with seasoned breadcrumbs and cheese
- C) Seasoned with onions and grated garlic
- D) Served with melted cheese or brown gravy

7) The popular Western TV Series which starred Clint Walker was...

- A) *Cheyenne*
- B) *Sugarfoot*
- C) *Have Gun Will Travel*
- D) *Maverick*

8) The man to first feature vocalists as an important part of a dance band was:

- A) Billy May
- B) Ray Anthony
- C) Louis Prima
- D) Tommy Dorsey

9) A person studying hermeneutics would most likely be interested in:

- A) Economics
- B) Space travel
- C) Literature, especially the Bible
- D) Ancient warfare methods

10) In what Hollywood film did Sidney Poitier’s character angrily insist, “They call me Mister Tibbs!”

- A) *In the Heat of the Night*
- B) *To Sir With Love*
- C) *Lilies of the Field*
- D) *Duel at Diablo*

11) According to the popular 1955 song, who was “Born on a mountain top in Tennessee, greenest state in the land of the free; raised in the woods so he knew every tree, and kilt him a ba’r when he was only three?”

- A) Pecos Bill
- B) Davy Crockett
- C) Jim Bowie
- D) Daniel Boone

12) This 1943 movie (directed by Vincente Minnelli) starred an all-black cast which included Ethel Waters, Eddie “Rochester” Anderson, Lena Horne, and Louis Armstrong.

- A) *The Bronze Buckaroo*
- B) *Moon Over Harlem*
- C) *The Emperor Jones*
- D) *Cabin in the Sky*



13) What would be the correct caption for the ad shown here?

- A) “All aboard for comfort.”
- B) “Stay with Conrad Hilton.”
- C) “Call for Phillip Morris!”
- D) “Stand by for Lowell Thomas.”

14) Which of these is **NOT** a popular type of rose?

- A) English
- B) Floribunda
- C) Indian
- D) Sugar

15) What does the “B” stand for in the B-17 and B-24 planes?

- A) Bomber
- B) Boeing
- C) Battle
- D) Basic

16) Introduced in 1959, this dog food called for warm water to be added to the dry food.

- A) Gravy Train
- B) Alpo Deluxe
- C) Milk-Bone Milk Dinners
- D) Ken-L Ration Stew Meals

17) What TV series originally based in Philadelphia starred Dick Clark?

- A) *People Are Funny*
- B) *American Bandstand*
- C) *Shindig*
- D) *Your Hit Parade*

18) “The man with no name” in those “spaghetti westerns” of the 1960s was:

- A) Clint Eastwood
- B) Charles Bronson
- C) Lee Van Cleef
- D) Eli Wallach

19) Fred Astaire’s real name?

- A) Jorge von Blistan
- B) Franco Astromonoci
- C) Frederic Austerlitz
- D) Jordan Lee Lanky

20) Which of these is **NOT** a Groucho Marx movie role?

- A) Rufus T. Firefly
- B) Otis P. Driftwood
- C) Dr. Hugo Z. Hackenbush
- D) Horatio Hanky Hornblower

**Can You Match These Characters to the TV Series
or Hollywood Movie They Appeared In?**

- 1) Jessica Fletcher _____
- 2) Rhett Butler _____
- 3) Mr. Spock _____
- 4) Clark Kent _____
- 5) Rooster Cogburn _____
- 6) Steve McGarrett _____
- 7) Lucas McCain _____
- 8) Ricky Ricardo _____
- 9) Miss Kitty _____
- 10) Elwood P. Dowd _____
- 11) Darth Vader _____
- 12) Major Seth Adams _____
- 13) Fr. "Chuck" O'Malley _____
- 14) Ensign Nellie Forbush _____
- 15) "Little Joe" Cartwright _____

Can You Name the Love Interest to Each of the Fictional Characters Listed Here?

1) Dick Tracy _____

2) Popeye _____

3) Superman _____

4) Romeo _____

5) Jack Benny _____

6) Cleopatra _____

7) Barney Fife _____

8) Lamont Cranston/The Shadow _____

9) Matt Dillon _____

10) Fibber McGee _____

11) Rhett Butler _____

12) Dagwood _____

13) Perry Mason _____

14) Donald Duck _____

15) Li'l Abner _____

Proverbs to Ponder

“There are two kinds of worries: those you can do something about and those you can't. Don't spend any time on the latter.” (Duke Ellington)

“There is no charm equal to tenderness of heart.” (Jane Austen)

“Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message.” (Malcolm Muggeridge)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

“Where words fail, music speaks.” (Hans Christian Andersen)

“It is not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do that is the secret of happiness.” (J.M. Barrie, writing in *Peter Pan*)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

“Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.” (Max Lucado)

“Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result.”
(Winston Churchill)

“When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on.” (Teddy Roosevelt)

“You're entirely bonkers, but I'll tell you a secret, all the best people are.”
(Lewis Carroll, writing in *Alice in Wonderland*)

“It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing.”
(Mother Teresa)

“Sometimes when you start losing detail, whether it's in music or in life, something as small as failing to be polite, you start to lose substance.” (Benny Goodman)

“Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.” (Dwight L. Moody)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) “See them tumbling down, pledging their love to the ground. Lonely, but free, I’ll be found...
- 2) “George turns to Sam with his gold in his hand. Said Sam, ‘You’re a’ lookin’ at a lonely, lonely man. I’d trade all the gold that’s buried in this land...
- 3) “Mr. Sandman, bring me a dream. Make him the cutest that I’ve ever seen. Give him two lips like roses and clover...
- 4) “You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen -- Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen...
- 5) “Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling from glen to glen and down the mountain side....
- 6) “In a cavern, in a canyon, excavating for a mine dwelt a miner, forty-niner, and his daughter, Clementine...
- 7) “On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame...
- 8) “You’ll never know just how much I miss you. You’ll never know just how much I care. And if I tried, I still couldn’t hide my love for you...
- 9) “I met the girl I love in a town way down in Dixie, beneath the stars up above, she was the sweetest girl I ever did see...
- 10) “I could have danced all night. I could have danced all night and still have begged for more. I could have spread my wings and done a thousand things I’ve never done before...

The Answers!

Multiple Choice

1) C

2) A

3) B

4) D

5) C

6) B

7) A

8) D

9) C

10) A

11) B

12) D

13) C

14) D

15) B

16) A

17) B

18) A

19) C

20) D

Can You Match These Characters to the TV Series or Movie They Appeared In?

1) *Murder, She Wrote*

2) *Gone With The Wind*

3) *Star Trek*

4) *Superman*

5) *True Grit* (and *Rooster Cogburn*)

6) *Hawaii Five-O*

7) *The Rifleman*

8) *I Love Lucy*

9) *Gunsmoke*

10) *Harvey*

11) *Star Wars*

12) *Wagon Train*

13) *Going My Way* (and *The Bells of St. Mary's*)

14) *South Pacific*

15) *Bonanza*

Can You Name the Love Interest to Each of the Fictional Characters Listed?

1) Tess Trueheart

2) Olive Oyl

3) Lois Lane

4) Juliet

5) Mary Livingston

6) Marc Antony

7) Thelma Lou (and perhaps Juanita at the diner)

8) Margot Lane

9) Miss Kitty

10) Molly

11) Scarlett O'Hara

12) Blondie

13) Della Street

14) Daisy Duck

15) Daisy Mae

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

1) "...Drifting along with the tumbling tumbleweeds."

2) "...For one small band of gold to place on sweet little Jenny's hand."

3) "Then tell him that his lonesome nights are over."

4) "...But do you recall the most famous reindeer of all?"

5) "...The summer's gone and all the roses falling. It's you, it's you must go and I must bide."

6) "...Oh, my darling; oh, my darling; oh, my darling, Clementine. You are lost and gone forever. Dreadful sorry, Clementine."

7) "...And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain."

8) "...You ought to know, for haven't I told you so a million or more times?"

9) "...So I held her in my arms and told her of her many charms. I kissed her while the guitars played the 'Bonaparte's Retreat.'"

10) "...I'll never know what made it so exciting; why all at once my heart took flight. I only know when he began to dance with me, I could have danced, danced, danced all night."