'Something' in Music 52

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One evening at a hot, trendy L.A. night club on a rare solo outing, yours truly found himself standing alone at the bar preparing to review the upcoming act. Before he had taken more than a few notes, however, he was bookended by a pair of vivacious vixens who insisted on engaging your rockin' writer in cozy conversation. Strangely, the subject of "marriage" arose.

One of the young ladies noted that when a gal is about to get hitched she needs "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue." Your provocative penman was immediately inspired. After all, those very same terms could be applied to music too: "Something old" or classic, "something new" or recently released, "something borrowed" (a cover), and "something blue" (a blues song or a song with "blue" in the title.) The rest is history.

Something old

"Something old" this time is "Long Cool Woman In A Black Dress." Recorded by the Brit band The Hollies, the song was written by Allan Clarke, Roger Cook, and Roger Greenaway. The song originally appeared on their 1971 vinyl *Distant Light*. The song was also released as a single the following year.

Something new

Speaking of cool women in dresses, our "something new" this edition is the brand-spankin' new number "Feel Good." The song is written by New York City-based singer-songwriter and musician LiLi Roquelin. The song is from her new release *Be Inspired: Deluxe Edition* currently available on all download and streaming platforms.

In a recent email, the award-winning French-American entertainer and producer discussed the upbeat, positive, piano-driven pop piece. She said:

"I am very grateful that it was shot February 28 a few weeks before everything shut down . . . in New York City. I am happy that it is such a cheerful and upbeat video because my goal with it is to help people feel better." She concluded: "I hope that it will uplift their spirits, make them smile, and inspire them!"

Something borrowed

Our "something borrowed" this edition is "Brandy (You're A Fine Girl)." This is a cover of a 1972 hit song by the American band Looking Glass. The song first appeared on their eponymous debut disc. This adaptation is by California-based singer-songwriter Christopher Hawley. Although he has not included it on his own records, it is a staple of his live act. He's seen here playing it at the Bayfront Kava Bar in Hilo, Hawaii.

Something blue

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Finally, the "something blue" bit this time is the modern blues instrumental "Awful Slide Engine Blues" by musician, composer, and recording artist JohnTabacco. It's an interesting audio offering with its roots in the blues. The track is part of his Sans Lyrics Vol. 3 disc which dropped in 2014.



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Did we mention your favorite "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue"? If not, let us know, Don't forget to send us your sexy or funny bride photos too!

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