

'Something' in Music 46

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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 "Don't Bring Me Down." It's a song by the English rock band Electric Light Orchestra. The song was written by frontman Jeff Lynn. It's the ninth and final cut off their 1979 platter [Discovery](#). The song is also their highest-charting hit song in the US to date.

Something new

Our "something new" this week is the new [Tiff Randol](#) single "Tell the Truth." It's the title track from her new EP *Tell the Truth*. The song was written by Randol and multi-instrumentalist Travis Warner. Randol is a California-based singer-songwriter and musician based in Los Angeles, California.

Her signature sound is a blend of Americana, folk, and rock music. Randol recently commented on the song on social media. She said:

"This song is about telling the truth on the inside. I wrote it after I got real with myself and pulled myself out of an unhealthy relationship. It's our default mechanism to find any way possible to justify

why we do the things we do. It's just 'easier' to put it on someone or something else, but it never works in the long run. When we choose to tell the truth instead, the game changes. Truth: the world needs this right now."

Something borrowed

Our "something borrowed" this edition is "Girl" performed by [Bubble Gum Orchestra](#). This is the BGO version of a 1971 song by British singer and actor Davy Jones. The song was written by Charles Fox and Norman Gimbel. This remake is performed by Bubble Gum Orchestra maestro Michael Laine Hildebrandt and Les Farrington of Sugarbomb fame. It was recorded as a tribute to Jones following his death in 2012.

Something blue

Today's "something blue" is "Blues Alone" by French-American singer, songwriter, composer, record producer [LiLi Roquelin](#). It was written and recorded by Roquelin. It's off her self-titled 2008 EP and was featured on LifeTime TV Networks. She garnered an "Honorable Mention" for the song at the 2009 John Lennon Songwriting Contest in the electronic category.



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Did we mention your favorite "Something blue, 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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