

When Sound Recording Was Young



This recording is from a disk released in 1958 to commemorate the 111th Anniversary of the birth of Thomas A Edison. Edison was born on February 11, 1847 and invented the tin foil phonograph in 1877.

This disk was released by the McGraw Edison company in 1958, which made dictation machines called the Edison Voicewriter back in the 1950's. This is tribute to the Thomas A. Edison Industries and the roots of the McGraw Edison Company and shows what sound recording technology was like in the early years. This disk is a small format 33 1/3 RPM vinyl record played back on a modern turntable.

It is not clear from the information we have what the source material was for each track. It is likely that these were wax cylinders and acoustically recorded "Diamond Discs" recordings made from 1908 till 1918. The final track is Thomas Edison himself praising the brave soldiers from all of the allied nations that fought in World War One.

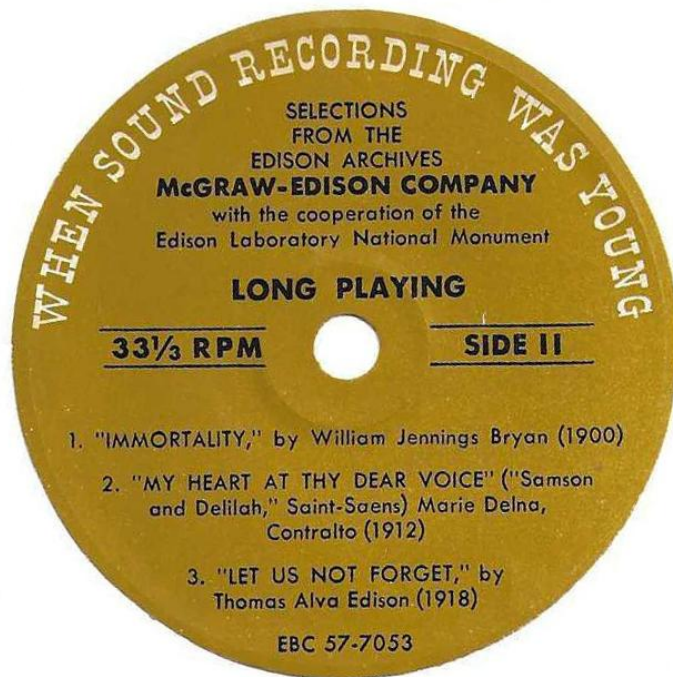
We have also included an excellent example of an electrically recorded 80 RPM lateral recording. It was recorded in 1929 and was made at Karl Reich's Aviary to showcase the improved fidelity that was possible with electrical recording. You can clearly hear the dramatically improved upper frequency response (the Canaries) and the reduced of surface noise of this recording. Carl Reich's Aviary located in Bremen Germany and was active from 1871 thru WWII.

Song Listing

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| 1. Dixie Melody (George Van Epps) Banjo 1912 | 2:54 |
| 2. Come Sing To Me (Sergeant Leggett) Coronet Solo 1912 | 1:47 |
| 3. I Love a Lassie (Harry Lauder) 1907 | 2:02 |
| 4. Immortality (William Jennings Bryan) Speech 1900 | 1:17 |
| 5. My Heart At Thy Dear Voice (Maria Delna) Contralto 1912 | 2:15 |
| 6. Let Us Not Forget (Thomas A Edison) Speech 1918 | 1:42 |
| 7. Canaries, Hawaiian Memories (Karl Reich's Aviary) 1929 | 3:22 |

Labels from the disc





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