

# Everlasting Love

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**"I Could Write a Book"**

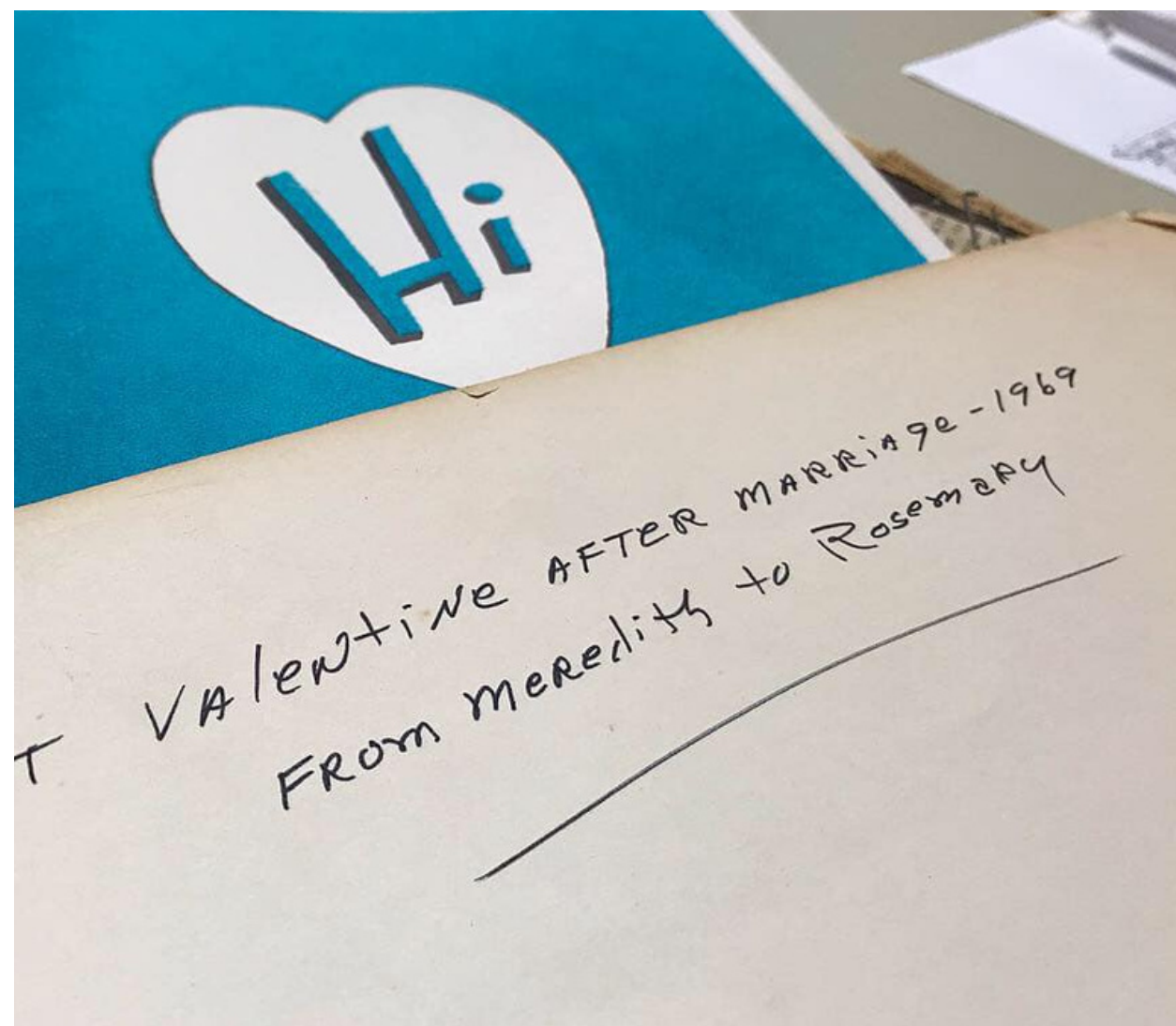
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## Love in the Songbook

If there is one common theme in the timeless lyrics of the Great American Songbook, it's that crazy little thing called love. Whether it's romantic love, love of country, love of family, friends, animals, food, drink, you name it, there is a song that celebrates the feeling that your lonely days are over and life is like a song.





## **Song: "At Last" (1941)**

**Songwriters: Mack Gordon & Harry Warren**

**Brief Context:** "At Last" is a timeless classic written by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren, most famously performed by Etta James. This iconic ballad captures the moment when love is finally realized and cherished. The song's words convey the joy of finding true love after a period of anticipation and longing. "At Last" remains a favorite for weddings and romantic moments, resonating with audiences through its message.

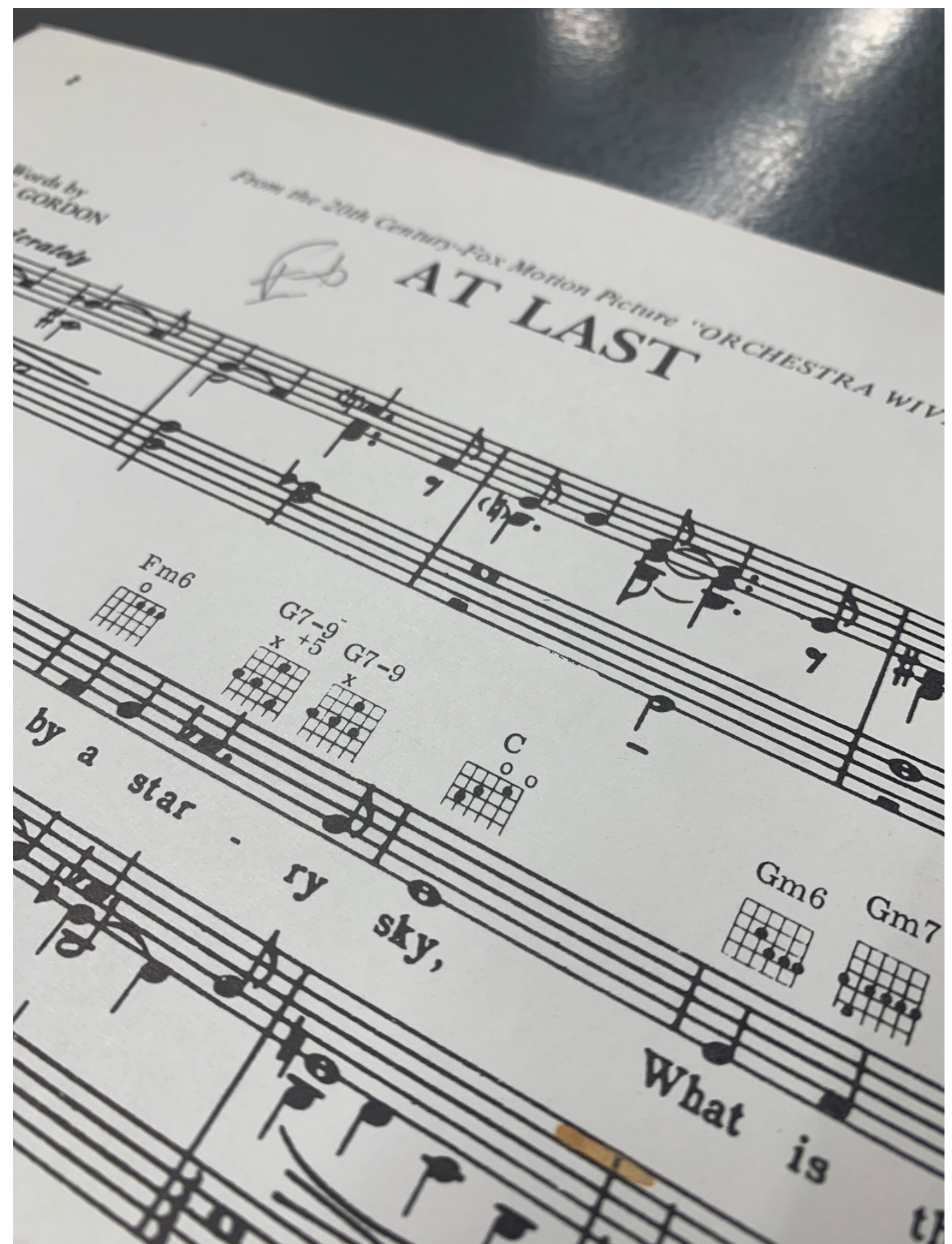
### **Activity: Singing**

#### **What do you need?**

- Perfect Harmony "At Last" video
- Perfect Harmony "At Last" lyrics

### **Songbook Archives**

Attached is an image of the sheet music for "At Last" from the Robert Denby Collection housed in the Songbook Library & Archives. The song was written by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren for the musical film *Sun Valley Serenade* (1941). Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded the song several times, but it rose to popularity thanks to Etta James' recording in 1960.



# **At Last**

**At last**

**My love has come along**

**My lonely days are over**

**And life is like a song**

**At last**

**The skies above are blue**

**My heart was wrapped up in clover**

**The night I looked at you**

**I found a dream that I could speak to**

**A dream that I could call my own**

**I found a thrill to rest my cheek to**

**A thrill that I've never known**

**Oh yeah you smile, you smiled**

**And then the spell was cast**

**And now here we are in heaven**

**For you are mine at last**



## **Song: "I Could Write a Book" (1940)**

**Songwriters: Richard Rodgers & Lorenz Hart**

***Brief Context:*** "I Could Write a Book" is a classic jazz standard that showcases the artistry of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart. Originally written for the musical *Pal Joey* in 1940, the song has since become a timeless gem with various interpretations by many artists. The lyrics, filled with wit and charm, show the narrator's confidence in their ability to share the depth of their feelings if they were to write a book about love.

### ***Activity:* Listening**

#### ***What do you need?***

- **Perfect Harmony "I Could Write a Book" video**

#### ***Did you know?***

"I Could Write a Book" is from the 1940 musical *Pal Joey* with music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Lorenz Hart. This musical also features the beloved Songbook standard "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered."



***Song: "Always" (1930)***  
***Songwriter: Irving Berlin***

***Brief Context:*** Irving Berlin gifted the song "Always" to his bride, Ellin Mackay, as a wedding present when they got married on January 4, 1926. With its heartfelt lyrics and tender melody, "Always" captures the enduring nature of true love. It has been performed by many artists like Patsy Cline, Tony Bennett and Diana Ross.

***Activity: Movement***

***What do you need?***

- Perfect Harmony "Always" video

***Suggested Seated Movement***

**Follow Perfect Harmony leader Karen or create your own seated movement!**

**Use movements like . . .**

- Fold your hands over your heart
- Slowly fan one arm out at a time
- Alternate toe touches to the front and side



***Song: "I Only Have Eyes for You" (1934)***

***Songwriters: Harry Warren & Al Dubin***

***Brief Context:*** Composed in 1934 by Harry Warren with lyrics penned by Al Dubin, "I Only Have Eyes For You" debuted in the 1934 film *Dames*. Over the years, the song achieved hits in 1959 with The Flamingos, in 1966 with The Letterman, and in 1975 with Art Garfunkel. It earned the distinction of being named the most-recorded song of the 20th Century by ASCAP (The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers).

***Activity: Singing and Discussion***

***What do you need?***

- Perfect Harmony "I Only Have Eyes for You" video
- Perfect Harmony "I Only Have Eyes for You" lyrics sheet

***Suggested Discussion Prompt***

***Tell somebody about a time when you fell in love with someone special in your life.***



# **I Only Have Eyes for You**

**Are the stars out tonight?**

**I don't know if it's cloudy or bright**

**Cause I only have eyes for you, dear**

**The moon may be high**

**But I can't see a thing in the sky**

**'Cause I only have eyes for you**

**I don't know if we're in a garden**

**Or on a crowded avenue**

**You are here, so am I**

**Maybe millions of people go by**

**But they all disappear from view**

**And I only have eyes for you**



## ***Song: "Our Day Will Come" (1963)***

***Songwriters: Mort Garson and Bob Hilliard***

***Brief Context: "Our Day Will Come" is a classic song written by Mort Garson and Bob Hilliard. Ruby and the Romantics first recorded it in 1963, and it quickly became popular, reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Other artists, like Amy Winehouse, have covered it over the years. The song's enduring charm comes from its hopeful lyrics, saying that love will win, and better days are coming.***

***Activity: Listening***

***What do you need?***

- **Perfect Harmony "Our Day Will Come" Video**

***Did you know?***

**Dionne Warwick recorded the initial demo of "Our Day Will Come" for songwriter Bob Hilliard, expressing her admiration for it. In 1982, Warwick featured the track as her sole cover on the album "Heartbreaker."**

