

"Ode to Mr. Marconi"

Now we know television what is today  
Just part of livin' in the USA  
but some don't know just how it came to be  
so I found some books and I checked them out  
for to ease your mind and to clear your doubts  
about the birth of what we call 'TV'

Well Columbus found the USA  
and everybody made their way  
to buy a better home and garden green  
But some folks didn't quite know how  
so to make it simple like we have it now  
a man named Meredith made a magazine (Better Homes and gardens)

Meanwhile on the other side of town  
another thing was goin' down  
that changed the lives of folks like you and me  
Some scientific minds were sparked  
then somewhere in the lonely dark  
came glowin' - flowin' electricity

CHORUS:

Yes and if I could find the joker who invented this bad dream  
I would sit him down and tell him where to go  
'Cause if you want to learn to garden you can read a magazine  
and I would rather lister to the radio

Yes old Ben Franklin flew a kite and  
Tommy Edison made the light and  
Alexander Graham Bell made the phone  
But then a foolish - well intentioned man  
sent radio waves across the land  
Soon there were RCA's in every home

And then he went one step too far  
and put us all right where we are  
Starin' at a Japanese made tube  
Sanyo - Sony - Hitachi  
God bless you and excuse me  
I hope you don't mind if I watch the news

You've got your PSA's for your FCC  
on your Channel 2 up to 53  
I get 3.58 Megacycle dreams (nightmares)  
You've got your Greenhouse Cards and your Ginzu Knives  
on your Edge of Nights and your Days of Lives  
Slim Whitman's yodel makes me want to scream

REPEAT CHORUS

Now with technology so far advanced  
TV's do everything but dance  
They act like phones - tell time - play games and more  
With a few Betamaxes and a VHS  
You can watch one channel and record the rest  
but it KILLS me I still can't get channel 4

But don't despair folks dry your tears  
and throw away your rabbit ears  
Cable Televisions come to town  
You'll get perfect pictures night and day  
with movies - sports and all you pay  
is Forty bucks a month with nothin' down

I guess I shouldn't ought complain so long  
Somebody likes Slim Whitman  
though exactly who that is we'll never know  
And I think I've said enough for now  
I must be leavin' anyhow  
I'm goin' home to watch my favorite show (Bugs Bunny) (but if)

REPEAT CHORUS and end

Count:  
1234, 12 - -

# ODE TO MR. MARCONI

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A7 D7 G

Now we know

C

television what it is today just part of livin' in the U.S.A but

G D7

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D7

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G C

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G D7

changed the lives of folks like you and me Some

G C

scientific minds were sparked and somewhere in the lonely dark came

G D7 G

glowin' - flowin' electrici- ty (yes) And if

D7 C G

I could find the joker who in-vented this bad dream I would

D7

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "sit him down and tell him where to go 'cause if you".

G

C

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "want to learn to garden you can read a magazine and I would".

G

D7

G

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "rather listen to the radio".

A7

D7

G

1st + Second

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1) No 2) Yes".

3rd

Handwritten musical notation on a grand staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "I would".

