

Two Musical Treats - Don, and the Epicureans

Post by “Cassius” of August 14, 2021 at 6:36 AM

in the Episode of the Lucretius podcast to be released today you'll hear a very short sample of Don singing. Pretty good actually, but why do I mention it?

By sheer coincidence I see today an article that there was a regional rock and roll band in 1966 in Iowa named - "The Epicureans"!

Linked below is the song and an article - the song is actually pretty good, if you like that genre (as I do).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F18U6DqLxjk>

[Newspaper article](#)

<https://http://www.fairmontsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/08/14/epicureans-to-be-honored-in-iowa/>

Post by “Don” of August 14, 2021 at 7:17 AM

Well, I have no recollection of that but I appreciate the positive review 😊 Look forward to listening to The Epicureans.

Post by “Cassius” of August 14, 2021 at 8:11 AM

I hope I haven't mixed episodes in my mind -- it might be 82 rather than 83 that is released today where you sing a brief "tone" to emphasize where Lucretius says he "sings" of things!

Post by “Godfrey” of August 14, 2021 at 10:28 AM

That song is quite a time capsule!

Post by “Cassius” of August 14, 2021 at 1:14 PM

I can see why it wasn't a big hit but it was actually pretty good.

Post by “Cassius” of August 14, 2021 at 9:15 PM

Looks like "the Epicureans" had a second song on Youtube, so this may be their full collection:

<https://youtu.be/qIn1x2UuFBE>

Post by “Cassius” of August 14, 2021 at 9:23 PM

Nope there is apparently one more -- a little different from the first two:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHvHu0bDSRE&t=3s>

Post by “Joshua” of August 15, 2021 at 11:23 AM

My late grandmother wrote a letter—something like 14 pages of fine cursive—toward the end of her life to one of my many cousins for a school project.

It is the only extant "memoir" in my family that I am aware of for that period, and is full of historical interest in a parochial kind of way. A copy of the letter did not fall into my hands until it began to recirculate after her death.

It was in reading that letter that I first became aware of a particular feature of interest of that time period, dotting the landscape of the upper midwest; the ballroom venue.

It was during a tour of these venues (the "Winter Dance Party Tour") that Buddy Holly's plane crashed after his last performance at a ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa. The family farm, which another cousin now runs, is less than hour from that very venue.

So thanks for posting these! My family on both sides were living in the northern counties of Central Iowa at the time; out of 30-odd aunts and uncles, someone must have seen The Epicureans play.

Post by "Cassius" of August 15, 2021 at 11:52 AM

Very interesting Joshua!