

# That's What They Meant (By The Good Old Summertime)

Nat King Cole

When you took a buggy ride  
With your sweetie by your side  
And a walk down lovers' lane  
Was so sublime  
When a one-piece suit on women  
Was the style when they went swimmin'  
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When a nickel took you far  
On an open trolley car  
And a big banana split  
Was just a dime  
When high-buttoned shoes were proper  
And the straw hat was a topper  
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When a barbershop quartet  
Joined in song each time they met  
You would hear them harmonize  
"Sweet Adeline"  
How their voices started glowing  
When the beer would start inflowing  
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On the lake, the thing to do  
Was to paddle your canoe  
To a lonely spot  
And tell her she's divine  
Then there came a sudden shower  
And she wilted like a flower  
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At each melodrama show  
With the poor girl in the snow  
Crying, "Save me! Save me!  
And this child of mine!"  
There are those who still remember  
Starting June until September  
Of the fun that they had  
While the temperature would climb

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