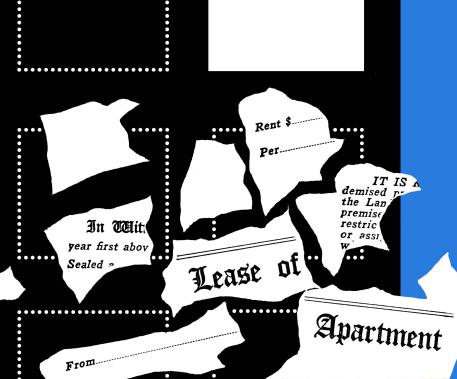




MUSIC TO BREAK A LEASE !!









A candid view of the artist at work. Feller, conducting, experiences a moment of ecstatic joy, hearing a particularly harmonious passage. This was one of the moments when the group sang in harmony and in tempo. This "take" was rejected—probably for that very reason!

Candid photo of the group feeding and sipping in the orgiastic revel, just prior to their dissection of the musical selections. Any similarity to a professional choral ensemble is completely accidental and unintended!



HIS FRIENDS

Mrs. Feller and their Children (who were home sleeping)

Mr. & Mrs. M. Feller (Mother & Father)

Jerry Feller (Brother)

AND ENEMIES

Joe Abraham Phyllis Akers Warren Alleyne Sal Asaro Rochelle Berger Emil Borsellino John Calabrese Barbara Cartassi Mel Cheren Marion Diamond Maryann Ehle Diane Erdos Lillian Feingold

Helen Fleschner Gladys Friedman Herb Greenstein Martin Kauffman Bobbie Lerner Phil Michelson Bernice Murphy John Natoli Brenda Parker Carol Paulson Mike Parys Charles Lo Piccolo Rosemarie Reres

Vinnie Reres Mary Schneider Fred Scott Susan Shore Steve Siegler Howard Stark Dave Tieg Anna Mae Waldman Milton Waldman Rick Ward Ann Weitsen

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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SIDE ONE

1.	ROCK-A-BYE YOUR BABY WITH A DIXIE MELODY (Sam M. Lewis-Joe Young-Jean Schwartz) (Mills	Time	1. WEDDING BELLS (Are Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine) (Irving Kahal-Willie Raskin, Sammy Fain)	Time
	Music Inc. and Warock Music Inc.—ASCÁP)	3:08	(Rytvoc, Inc.—ASCAP)	2:25
2.	HI-LILI, HI-LO (Helen Deutsch-Bronislau Kaper) (Robbins Music Corp.—ASCAP)	2:53	2. CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER (Eily Beadell-Nell Tollerton) (Warock Music, Inc. and Campbell-	
3. I'M SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD (Lewis and Young,			Connelly, Inc.—ASCAP)	2:34
	Ray Henderson) (Leo Feist, Inc. and Warock Music Inc.—ASCAP)	2:19	3. DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS (June Hershey-Don Swander) (Melody Lane Pub.—BMI)	2:42
4.	PEG O' MY HEART (Alfred Bryan-Fred Fisher) (<i>Leo Feist, Inc.—ASCAP</i>)	2:16	4. LAZY RIVER (Hoagy Carmichael-Sidney Arodin) (Peer International—BMI)	2:36
5.	DEAR HEARTS AND GENTLE PEOPLE (Bob Hilliard-Sammy Fain) (E. H. Morris & Co., Inc.—ASCAP)	2:16	5. AFTER YOU'VE GONE (H. Creamer-T. Layton) (Mayfair Music Corp.—ASCAP)	2:42
6.	TOOT TOOT, TOOTSIE (GOODBYE) (Gus Kahn, Ernie		6. GOODNIGHT SWEETHEART (Ray Noble-Jimmy Camp-	
	Erdman, Dan Russo and Ted Fiorito) (Leo Feist, Inc.		bell-Reg Connelly-Rudy Vallee) (Robbins Music	
	—ASCAP)	2:40	CorpČampbell-Connelly, Inc.—ASCAP)	3:31

Note the serious and intent countenances in this dedicated group. Note, especially, the placid and serene, subdued manner of the noted conductor, Sid Feller®.

SIDE TWO

To paraphrase many a political bigwig, "Let's look at the

This, to many of you, might be decidedly more advantageous than listening to the record! Not that the friends and enemies of our noble Sid Feller lack musicianship or vocalistic ability or the collective spirit of camaraderie; in a greater sense, rather, what this motley gathering of voices (voices?) *does* possess is an overabundance of that common quality generally described as "intestinal fortitude." Stating the matter more simply—and less delicately—they've got a lot of guts!

It might be interesting, at this point, to let you in on how this fiasco came into being in the second place. (We eschew the trite and expected phrase, "in the *first* place," because we went off our corporate rockers once before, in 1956, when ABC-Paramount Records encountered another weak moment, and allowed Sid and another wacky group of his friends (!) to record the first evidence of paranoia, *Music To Break a Lease* [ABC-107].) Well, anyway—to get back to the arsenic and old faces—it was after hours in the offices occupied by Feller and his cohorts, all of whom were discussing what new recording triumphs to launch on an unsuspecting public. To demonstrate a particular idea, one of Feller's top aides (O.K., he doubles as the third assistant shipping clerk . . .) began to warble the opening musical phrases of Dear Hearts and Gentle People. Now, to hear any of this in this character's bock-beer baritone, would easily convince the most hardened skeptic that there was nothing but loathing and contempt for any "dear hearts and gentle people!" Feller, however, is no skeptic. The glow that had crept into his eyes back in '56 now became horrifyingly evident once

Within minutes, the warbler, heartened by the growing enthusiasm in Feller's manner, began to give out with more lusty pumpkin-shaped tones and soon was joined in the musical slaughter by three charwomen, the airconditioning mechanic, the elevator repairman and an errant messenger boy who was looking for the men's room. After the opening ballad, the group automatically went into several other time-honored ditties, committing complete and unalterable musicide on each. The damage had been wrought, however, and each selection had been carefully noted and annotated, and the album was now a certainty.

The assorted secretaries, erstwhile secretaries (now casting undeniable eyes on singular careers in the vocal field), porters, file clerks, typists and shipping clerks were all assembled in the A. & R. (now known as Aliens and Reprobates) office early the next morning, and informed that they were now full-fledged recording artists. Within an hour or two, Feller received visits from seven attorneys, all demanding special contracts for their new clients—and the seven were promptly enrolled for the recording session. All and sundry were invited to participate in the musical mavhem.

This, then, is the result. The entire group met at the appointed time in the studios of Bell Sound about an hour or so before the actual time of the date, so that Feller and his nefarious assistants could ply them with beer, pretzels, chopped liver sandwiches (laced with No-Doz tablets), beer, salted peanuts, pickles—and more beer. By the time the mikes were in place and turned on, the choral ensemble was as crocked and calcimined as any veteran of the Bowery! Feller felt that this would make it an easy, carefree group of characters which would shing (Oops, sorry!) sing right from their alcoholic hearts.

And that they did. Listen to 'em, if you can bear it!

Seriously, this album is not intended to challenge the merits of the Hall Johnson Choir or the Ray Charles Singers. It represents the happy sound of a people at play, a happy assemblage of such as you and I who often delight in lifting our voices in song, simply because we feel like it. The selections are those which have come down through the years to hold a special place in our hearts, maybe because each might hold some significant sentiment of some sort or-well, for one thing, because they lend themselves so well to group singing.

Here's a group, then, which enjoyed themshelves.

(Excuse, please—we mean, themselves . . .

We trust you will enjoy hearing them. And, if it becomes too much to bear, remember:

If you can't bear 'em-join 'em!

NATT HALE



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