

DUNSON LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY

LONG AGO AND FAR A WAY, IN A LAND THAT TIME
FORGOT, BEFORE THE DAYS OF DYLAN, OR THE DAWN OF
CAMELOT, THERE LIVED A RACE OF PEOPLE AND THEY
WERE YOU AND ME.

FOR IKE WAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE IN THAT LAND
WHERE WE WERE BORN, WHERE NAVELS WERE FOR
ORANGES, AND PEYTON PLACE WAS PORN.

WE LEARNED TO GUT A MUFFLER, WE WASHED OUR
HAIR AT DAWN. WE PLACED OUR WASH ON
CLOTHES LINES RUN ACROSS THE LAWN.

WE LONGED FOR LOVE AND ROMANCE, AND WAIT FOR
OUR CHANCE AND EDDIE FISHER MARRIED LIZ, AND
NO ONE'S SEEN HIM SINCE.

WE DANCED TO LITTLE DARLIN, AND SANG TO
STAGGER LEE. AND CRIED FOR BUDDY HOLLY IN
THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

ONLY GIRLS WORE EARRINGS THEN, AND 3 WAS ONE
TOO MANY. AND ONLY BOYS WORE FLATTOP CUTS,
EXCEPT FOR JEAN MCKINNEY.

AND ONLY IN OUR WILDEST DREAMS DID WE
EXPECT TO SEE, A BOY NAMED GEORGE WITH
LIPSTICK, IN THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

WE FELL FOR FRANKIE AVALON, AND CONNIE
WAS SO NICE. AND WHEN THEY MADE A
MOVIE, THEY NEVER MADE IT TWICE.

WE DIDN'T HAVE A STAR TREK FIVE, OR PSYCHO TWO AND THREE, OR ROCKY-RAMBO TWENTY IN THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

MISS KITTY HAD A HEART OF GOLD, AND CHESTER HAD A LIMP, AND REAGAN WAS A DEMOCRAT WHOSE CO-STAR WAS A CHIMP.

WE HAD A MR. WIZARD, BUT NOT A MR. T. AND OPRAH COULDN'T TALK YET, IN THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

WE HAD OUR SHARE OF HEROES, WE NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D GO, AT LEAST NOT BOBBY DARIN, OR MARILYN MONROE.

FOR YOUTH WAS STILL ETERNAL, AND LIFE WAS YET TO BE, AND ELVIS WAS FOREVER IN THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

AND BEETLES LIVED IN GARDENS THEN, AND MONKEES LIVED IN TREES. MADONNA WAS JUST A YOUNG THING, IN THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

WE'D NEVER HEARD OF MICROWAVES, OR TELEPHONES IN CARS. AND BABIES MIGHT BE (BOTTLE-FED, BUT NEVER GROWN IN JARS.

AND PUMPING IRON GOT WRINKLES OUT, AND GAY MEANT FANCY-FREE. AND DORMS WERE NEVER COED IN THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

WE HADN'T SEEN ENOUGH OF JETS TO TALK ABOUT

THE LAG, AND MICROCHIPS WERE WHAT WAS LEFT
AT THE BOITOM OF THE BAG.

AND HARDWARE WAS A BOX OF NAILS, AND BYTES
CAME FROM A FLEA, AND ROCKET SHIPS WERE FICTION
IN THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

SOME CARS CAME WITH PORT HOLES AND SIDE SHOWS
CAME WITH FREAKS, AND BATHING SUITS CAME BIG
ENOUGH TO COVER BOTH YOUR CHEEKS.

AND COKE CAME JUST IN BOTTLES, AND SKIRTS
BELOW THE KNEE, AND CASTRO CAME TO POWER
NEAR THE LAND THAT MADE ME ME.

AND MIDDLE-AGED WAS 35 AND OLD WAS FORTYTHREE,
AND ANCIENT WERE OUR PARENTS IN THE LAND THAT
MADE ME ME.

THEY SEND US INVITATIONS TO JOIN AARP, WE'VE
COME A LONG WAY, YOU AND ME, FROM THE LAND
THAT MADE ME ME.

SO NOW WE FACE A BRAVE NEW WORLD IN
SLIGHTLY LARGER IEANS; AND WONDER WHY
THEY'RE USING SMALLER PRINT IN MAGAZINES.

AND WE TELL OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN OF THE WAY
IT USED TO BE, LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY.

IN THE LAND THAT MADE YOU, YOU; US US;
AND ME ME.

(b) End
"Not yet" & Happy Trails → Mack

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NOW, LIKE THE OLD MAN, WHEN ASKED HAD HE
LINED HERE ALL HIS LIFE, WE SIMPLY NEED TO SAY,
NOT YET.