



**BILLY and ARTHUR
"GUITAR" SMITH
pose together
at a recent
appearance by BILLY
on the top rated WBTV
"ARTHUR SMITH SHOW"**



Billy Craddock who now records for Columbia is a young lad heading right for the big time. This North Carolina Rock And Roller just came out of the recording world with "Lula Lee" backed by "Ah, Poor Little Baby."

Billy is twenty years old, and the youngest of thirteen children. He was born and reared on a small farm in Greensboro, North Carolina. He began his singing career at the age of thirteen, and has appeared on such shows as The Buddy Dean Show, The Milt Grant Show, and the nation-wide Dick Clark American Bandstand.

In the fabulous world of show business there are many ups and downs and many times when promising, struggling artists are out of work, waiting for the right breaks, but not our Billy — for Billy has never been without work — from radio, TV, and Supper Clubs — he's always been on the go.

He first recorded for Date but now he's "Columbia's Gem" — a title that fits him to a "T." Billy is a gem and he'll send you reeling when he gives out with those "pure" sounds. He is destined to be among the "tops" along with such greats as The Everly Bros., Ricky Nelson and Elvis Presley.

Yes, this "Columbia Gem" is coming your way with a new release waiting for your approval. Watch for him at the top of the charts, for that's where he's headed. Billy's always ready to fill your hearts with good sounds. And, from all indications, it won't be too long before he'll be on your favorite radio show constantly.

I'LL SAIL MY SHIP ALONE

MORRY BURNS
LOIS MANN
HENRY BERNARD
HENRY THURSTON

We've been sweethearts for so long
but now you say we're thru,
The love we shared is now a memory.
And I had built a ship of dreams and
planned them all for you,
And now I guess what is to be will be.

I'll sail my ship alone with all the
dreams I own.
Drifting out across the ocean blue.
I'll sail my ship alone, tho' all the sails
you've torn.
And when it stars to sink then I'll
blame you.

I'm just like a ship at sea that's lost
without a sail,
The dark clouds hide the sun from up
above.
And even with these broken dreams my
heart will never fail,
For deep inside there's only one true
love.

Gave a message to the wind to take
back home to you,
Hoping you would hear my S. O. S.
And maybe you would come back home,
my darling if you knew
How much my aching heart is in
distress.
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YOU'RE THE NEAREST THING TO HEAVEN

HYDT JOHNSON
JIM ATKINS
JOHNNY CASH

I have sailed the peaceful waters
Of the ocean deep and blue
I held my breath
And watched the western sunset's
golden hue

I have flown above the mountain peaks
And valleys wide and green
But you're the nearest thing to heaven
that I've seen

You're the nearest thing to heaven yes
you are
I have searched for happiness so long
and far

But my search for love was through
the day that I found you
'Cause you're the nearest thing to
heaven yes you are

I confess that I've been tempted
By a luring magic charm
When a smile was flashed my way
And stood before two open arms
But I'd turn and walk away
Because I love you like I do
You're the nearest thing to heaven,
darling you

I have watched the silver raindrops
Fall to earth to cool the day,
Watched a rainbow at twilight
When the clouds had blown away
I love the pretty flowers
Money cannot buy their worth
But you're the nearest thing to heaven
on this earth

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DEAR LONESOME

ROGER MILLER

If I could write myself a letter
Here's how I would start:
Dear lonesome, with the broken heart;
How are things since she has left you,
Has your whole world fell apart,
Dear lonesome, with the broken heart.
In answer to his letter
I'd say yes, it's very true,
No lonely heart in all the world
Could feel the way I do.

If I could write myself a letter
Here's how I would start:
Dear lonesome, with the broken heart.
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