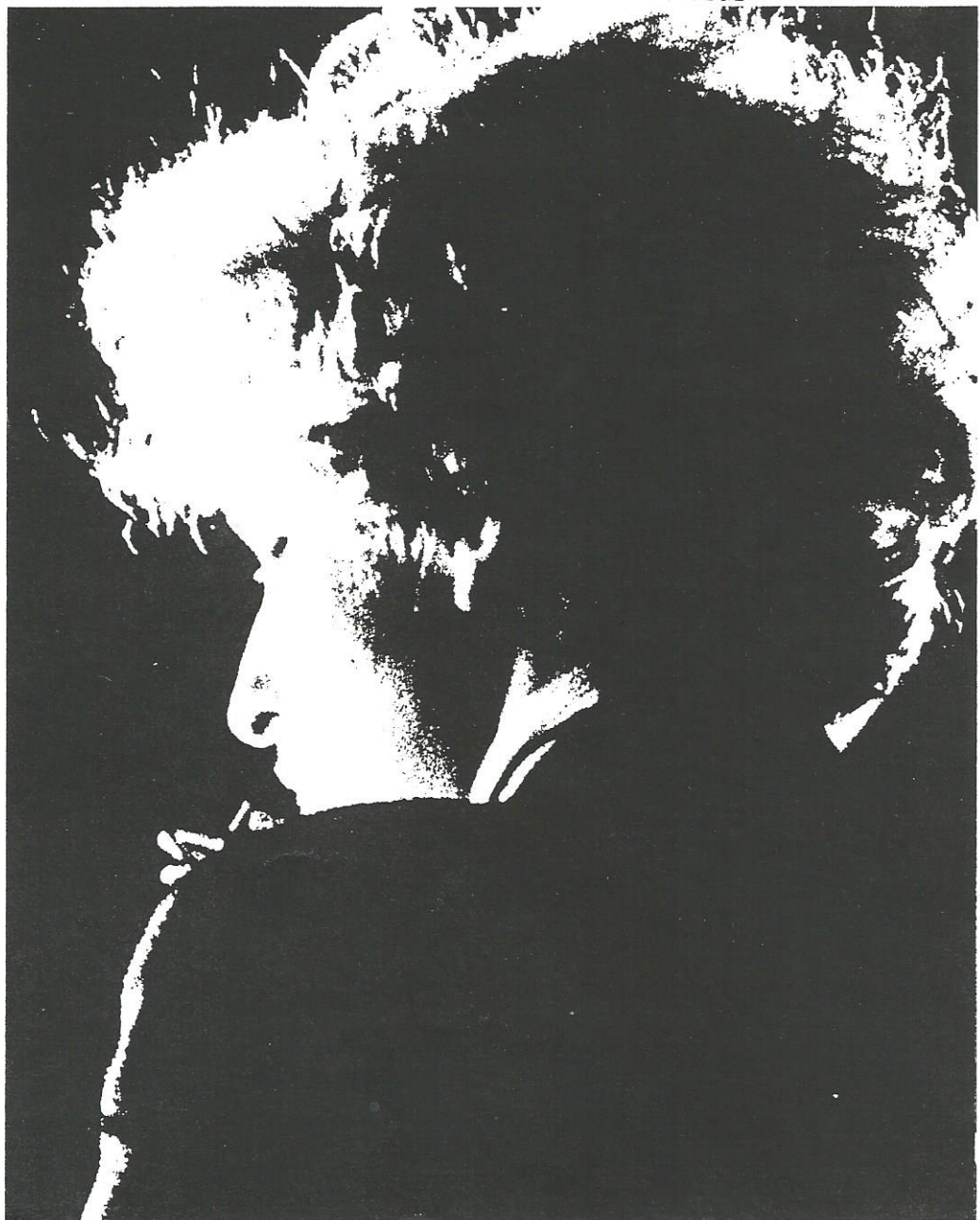


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ALTERNATIVES TO COLLEGE



Across the Swamp of Time

Our last meeting at Cambridge was certainly ruled by "Sods Law". Our hopes of being able to present the first public showing of the infamous Toronto '80 video were dashed because the tape didn't turn up in time! We accordingly had to defer the showing only to find that it was in a local collector's hands shortly after! "Sods Law" also ruled on our electrical equipment and it took some amazing wizardry by Chris Cooper before we could provide any kind of entertainment at all.

Despite these problems however it was nice to see some new faces at our last Cambridge meeting, so a belated hello, good evening and welcome to John Lattanzro and Brian Farmer; also to Martin Stein, Steve B. and Ronk who have now become regulars. Talking of regulars - where are you - Tim Smart, Colin Casserley and Adrian Dzaldowski?

The Toronto video is indeed all it's cracked up to be so part of it will be shown at the next meeting on the 27th November. We also hope to have some live music and perhaps some pre-Christmas party games during the course of the evening. For those of you who spend Christmas filling in dates in your new diaries and calendars of important events for the year ahead - here are six entries to be inked in: 29th January; 26th March; 28th May; 30th July; 24th September and 26th November. The entry should read: "Dylan meeting at the Portland Arms, Cambridge. Mustn't miss it".

Hope to see you at some of these.

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31st October 1992

Rumours and Assorted Facts

(86) Tour News

In this case no news is not good news. Dates have yet to be confirmed for next year, I have been told now that we are looking at 6 nights at Hammersmith plus two in Scotland, 2 in Ireland and one in Manchester. Recent shows have also been with the recent band (sounds logical) by which I mean there is nothing to back up previous suggestions (80) that Bob will do the shows solo or with G E Smith.

(87) The Anniversary Waltz

16th October 1992 saw a unique event in Bob's career, the tribute gig at Madison Square Garden saw a host of old friends, Lou Reed, George Harrison, Tom Petty, The Band, Roger McGuinn etc pay a three hour tribute to Bob by playing his songs. The whole event was broadcast live on some satellite stations and videos are going to be around. Dylan gave a truly great performance in my opinion, superb in acoustic tracks, especially 'Girl From The North Country' which he played as a final encore solo. I am not aware of any other artist being paid such a tribute whilst they were alive. Come to Cambridge and view some of this stellar event for yourselves.

(88) More Outtakes?

A new tape has just emerged of outtakes from all periods from a 1961 studio take of 'Sally Gal' to new mixes to some of the 'Oh Mercy' tracks. The quality throughout is quite superb, certainly one to find, though I guess future JR's will help resolve that for you!

(89) Tour Dates

Dylan went on the road again from October 23 in Newark to November 16 in Jacksonville, Florida, I believe 15 dates though that may alter. I do know that at opening shows Dylan performed Dear Landlord so the new songs are still coming!! The band on these shows was Tony Garnier (b), John Jackson (g), Bucky Baxter (steel g, mandolin etc), Ian Wallace and Winston Wachtel (drs).

(90) The New Album

The new album arrived amazingly on time (Nov 2) entitled "Good As I Been To You". It's the first Dylan album to be an hour long signalling an end to the vinyl era for Bob-collectors at last. A solo acoustic record it features the most amazing guitarwork that I have ever heard Dylan produce, the voice is very effective and I must say I find this an easy record to play. Doubtless the lack of original material will displease many but for my money its a truly excellent album.

Chris Cooper

The opening selection on this tape proves once again that Dylan, for whatever reason, is in the habit of leaving some of his best material in the can. The sessions were recorded at the Townhouse Studio in London on August 27 and 28, 1986, for the soundtrack of "Hearts Of Fire". Of the songs on the released album, many versions were recorded, from slow blues to up-tempo rock. But of particular interest to us are the unreleased songs, two of which are featured here: "Old Five And Dimer", which strangely enough has a similar tune to "A Couple More Years"; and "To Fall In Love With You", a superb song, the best of the bunch. The song is very much still in its embryo stage with Dylan feeling his way through the lyrics, but the arrangement is wonderful with Eric Clapton playing some tremendous guitar.

Also on JR14, I enjoyed bringing together the two "Buffalo" versions - acoustic/electric. The latter is a real barnstormer.

Side 2 has more from the Cynthia Gooding "Folksinger's Choice" radio show and, as stated in the last newsletter, there are also the remaining songs from the Gothenburg Concert, June 28, 1992.

The full track list is:

Side One

- (1) Old Five And Dimer (acoustic)
- (2) Old Five And Dimer (electric)
- (3) To Fall In Love With You
- (4) Had A Dream About You, Baby
- (5) You Win Again
- (6) I'm A King Bee
- (7) Soon

- (8) Thank God
- (9) Range Of The Buffalo (acoustic)
- (10) Trail Of The Buffalo (electric)

(1-4) "Hearts Of Fire" out-takes; (5,6) Marriot Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island, July 19, 1986; (7) The Gershwin Gala, New York, March 11, 1987; (8) Chabad Telethon, August, 1986; (9) Holmdel, June 25, 1988; (10) The Hague;, June 10, 1989.

Side Two

- (1) Lonesome Whistle Blues
 - (2) Fixin' To Die
 - (3) Smokestack Lightrnin'
 - (4) It Makes A Long Time Man Feel Bad
 - (5) Highway 61 Revisited
 - (6) All Along The Watchtower
 - (7) Rainy Day Women Nos 12 & 35
 - (8) Blowin' In The Wind
- (1-4) "Folksinger's Choice", NY, FM Radio, March, 1962;
(5-8) Gothenburg, Sweden, June 28, 1992.

John Nye

