

April Featured Song

by Paul Cooper

WE SHARED THE DANCE THAT LOVERS KNOW WELL

Shortly before being elected to our Board of Directors, Jay Williams gave us a lovely performance at our October, 2024 Second Sunday Concert. He has graciously given us permission to publish one his songs here. It tells a story that will feel familiar to many of us. "It has resonated with a lot of listeners," Jay says. You can hear this song on Jay's CD, ***Somebody's Looking For You***, or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at <https://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/AudioArchives>. Jay plays it in G chord shape with the capo on the third fret.

DID SHE EVER MENTION MY NAME

- by Jay Williams



G **G/F#** **Em** **G7**
She was 17 in '45. I watched her close. I caught her eye
G **C/B** **Am** **D**
We talked a while and then some more. We talked of life, we talked of war.
G **G/F#** **Em** **G7**
The world was big, we were small. I was serving in New Mexico.
C **C/B** **Am** **D7** **G**
A desert moon cast a spell the night we shared the dance that lovers know well

INTERLUDE: G G/F# Emin Emin7 (hold)

Then the war was done and we said goodbye. I don't remember if we cried.
I went back home. I started life. Another year, I met my wife.
We worked the farm and we raised our kids. We led our life like others did.
But every once in a while, I'd like to think about the girl from '45.

CHORUS:

Em7 **Bm7** **Am7** **G**
We made our choice and I went away. I don't regret the life I made
C **G** **Em** **D**
I loved my wife. I love my kids. But now and then and I wonder if...
Em7 **Bm7** **Am7** **G**
When the moon was high and bright, did she dream of summer nights.
C **G** **A** **D** **Em7** **C**
Did I ever cross her mind... Did She Ever Mention My Name

INTERLUDE: G G/F# Em G7 C C/B AmD7 (hold)

And now she's gone and my wife too. I'm 90 now. My years are few.
I wonder if there's a photo of the girl I loved when we were young?
I'd love to see her face again. And remember way back when.
I'd love to see just one more time the eyes of the girl from '45.

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A **D** **G**
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OUTRO:

G **G/F#** **Emin** **G7** **C** **C/B** **D7/G** **G**

