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# **THE FEBRUARY MARCH**

**Lyrics and LP info**

**And this explanation, about our 2012 LP to CD project.**

Over the years, we've had a number of requests for digital versions of our first five recordings, released on vinyl from 1980 through 1988. We cringe sometimes when we hear these old performances, but decided to be brave about it and succumb to the suggestions of certain of our diehard fans. Quite a few of the songs from these LPs have been released on various subsequent CDs -- particularly on our 1993 CD called What, Again -- but always as new performances; never as mechanical copies of the LP recordings. This is a digital copy of the original recording.

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This CD-r was manufactured locally from these masters. We don't anticipate any technical glitches, but if you DO have a problem, you needn't return the item. Just let us know and we'll either replace it or send you a refund. This is true of all our recordings.

Thank you!

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The Recordings:

1980 (No Relation)  
1981 Cupid's Trash Truck  
1984 So Comfortable  
**1986 the February March (This one)**  
1988 Your State's Name Here

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**Album info and lyrics are on the following pages.**



# THE FEBRUARY MARCH

Our fourth LP, recorded in 1986. On the back:

The FEBRUARY MARCH  
Lou & Peter Berryman

(The lyrics are printed on the back of the LP jacket.  
Here are the song titles. Lyrics on following pages).

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Lou Berryman: vocals, accordion

Peter Berryman: vocals, 12-string guitar

John Stevens: tuba (marching on cover)

Engineering by Marv Nonn (riding in truck on cover)  
at Audio, Ltd., Cross Plains, WI

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For information and catalogue of other Berryman albums & their songbook, write: Cornbelt Records, Box 3452, (now Box 3400) Madison WI 53704.

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## 2012 Notes

1. Sometime in the 90's, the post office changed our PO Box no. from 3452 to 3400. Go figure.
2. This is our only recording with a song written by someone else on it: I Go Pogo by Walt Kelly.

## 1. the FEBRUARY MARCH ©1985 L&P Berryman

Today was awful cold to say the least  
And then the sun slipped out of sight  
It ain't a fit night out for man or beast  
We're gonna make our move tonight

We'll pick the mothballs off the uniform  
We'll get the white shirt stiff with starch  
We'll get the polish for the flugelhorn  
And do the February March

We'll do an old man winter-ectomy  
We'll march him right on out of town  
We're gonna hang Jack Frost in effigy  
For bringin' mother nature down

And in the air that dulls like Novacaine  
We're gonna crack I have a hunch  
We'll throw the fishbowl through the Thermopane  
And have the outside in for lunch

And when we look outta the window tomorrow  
It better be brighter than ever before  
There better be birdies & bees & the leaves on the trees  
And they better be awfully green

I wanna see all of the icicles offa the bicycles  
All on the way to the shore  
I wanna see lovers removin' their parkas & provin'  
Their love if you know what I mean

I tell you we're all gettin' weary of little Siberia  
Jeepers enough is enough  
I tell you uh-huh I'm okay when it's 80 in May  
But uh-uh when it's zero and dark

There better be manifestations of summer vacations  
A-movin me offa my duff  
I wanna see rivers unfrozen, the bud of a rose  
And a summery day in the park

## 2. HIGH ON DRUGS ©1986 L&P Berryman

Music can improve your frame of mind  
Mozart does it for me every time  
Why d'you s'pose his music moves you so  
What his secret was we'll never know

He musta been high on drugs  
He musta been high on drugs  
He really was a guiding light  
He's prob'lly doin' hash all night

He musta been high on drugs (x2)  
His music is a ray of hope  
It hadda be dope

If Columbus hadn't sailed away  
We would not be where we are today  
Where'd that man get guts to sail upon  
Seas where no one else had ever gone

He musta been high on drugs (x2)  
He musta been the toast of Spain  
He musta really cooked his brain

He musta been high on drugs (x2)  
To sail on such a tiny ship  
He hadda be ripped

Mr. Moose?  
You don't suppose, not him too.  
Bunny Rabbit? Had a Habit!  
How 'bout Captain Kangaroo?

Lizzie Borden took a couple swings  
Einstein figured out a lotta things  
Hitler spread his misery everywhere  
Buddha left his wisdom here & there

They musta been high on drugs (x2)  
A human is a mystery--  
Especially full of LSD

They musta been high on drugs (x2)  
I wonder how they felt inside--  
They musta been fried

**3. METROPOLITAN SCRUPLES** ©1986 L&P Berryman

Ann McKenzie is troubled  
LeRoy McKenzie's been huntin' deer  
She says I'll bet you my tofu  
We won't be dinin' on Bambi here  
  
You better go to the grocery  
We'll have tomatoes & whole wheat bread  
& while you're there could you get me  
An aerosol that'll kill bugs dead

## **CHORUS:**

Snake is swallowin' the swallow's egg  
Wolf got the deer by the left rear leg  
Spider is a-suckin' on the dragonfly  
But I draw the line at mincemeat pie

Metropolitan scruples  
Contradictory rules of thumb  
So they're a little perplexing  
At least we think that there should be some  
    But there's a mouse in the kitchen  
    & it's been eatin' our pasta too  
    The little trap is a nightmare  
    But what the heck are we s'posta do. **CHO.**

Howdy do-it-yourselfers  
You know your life is a prefab kit  
& though the picture looks easy  
It's kinda hard to get the hang of it

They give you all of the pieces  
You get a package of nails & glue  
But instead of instructions  
You get a little note that says  
"Doodly doo, it's up to you"

**4. MODERN CRITIQUE** ©1984 L&P Berryman

*Good morning, Professor.*  
*Good morning & how is my student progressing in*  
*Modern Critique?*  
It scares me to death. It's not for me.  
*Nonsense, get started.*  
*When you get a good head of steam wait & see*  
*You'll go on for a week.*  
*Take a deep breath. Let 'er go on three: one, two...*

Bomb in the sub, jock on the take, drunk on the road,  
Rape on the rise, birds in decline, oil on the beach  
Dog on the loose. *That's good.*  
Kids doin' dope. *Good.*

*But a little more spirit.*

*Believe me it helps to use passion when you're in a  
Mood to complain  
So give it your best. Ham it up somehow.  
Besides it feels great.  
You'll feel that adrenalin clear up your eyes & your  
sinuses drain.  
Ventilate your chest. Here we go now: one, two...*

Tax on the gas, tax on the pop, bad rock & roll,  
Holes in the roof, zip in the bank, air you can chew  
Trees dyin' off. *Another!* Jerk in control. *Great!*  
*Now gripin's not easy*  
*& you've read in Parade Magazine there's a way to*  
*be grounded I 'spose*  
*Go with the flow, all of that crap.*  
*But one of these days,*  
*That thing that blows air in your teeth at the dentist*  
*Will curl up your toes*  
*& there it will go. Something will snap. Now, go:*

Guns everywhere drain fulla crud earth slowin' down  
Sun gettin' old, noise in the hall, hair gettin' thin  
Car on the fritz. *Another.* Farm goin' broke. *Great.*

*Now don't forget parking,  
And toilets that run 'til you jiggle the handle and  
Stand there awhile  
The smell of cigars. Answering machines.  
Skeeters up north.  
Accordion players except of course Louie  
And my Uncle Lyle.  
The homes of the stars. Designer jeans. School, war*

Squirrel in the wall, crook goin' free, god on the tube  
Shrink gettin' rich, deer in the corn, rent goin' up  
Plane in the trees, weed in the yard

Now don't forget parking  
And toilets that run 'til you jiggle the handle and  
Stand there awhile  
The smell of cigars. Answering machines.  
Skeeters up north.  
Accordion players except for yours truly  
And his Uncle Lyle.  
The homes of the stars, designer jeans  
School, war

Tank in the news quack on the dole whale on the run  
Germs in the cheese sick telethon, pass on the right,  
And then, there's  
Rain on the fourth, holes in the road,  
And, then, there's school, war...

## 5. PROGRESS SCHMOGRESS ©1986 L&P Berryman

Do you feel that the manmade world is a vacuum  
Suckin' away your strength  
When the FAQ for your new cell phone's a full  
52 chapters in length

'Nif you'da been a Jersey grazin' in the shade  
You'da taken it easy indeed  
'Cause a cow needs nothin' but food, a field  
A little bull and somethin' to read.

### CHORUS:

Though sometimes it's so nice to have a  
Little electric light in the hall, by the phone  
And sometimes it's so nice to have a  
Television at night when you're all, all alone  
Although the old electric blanket's, fine I guess  
Don't you sometimes feel that we should, retrogress

But you know down deep that a minimal life'll never  
Set the human heart on fire  
To make a pegboard hook for every tool you buy  
'd take a good size mountain of wire

'Nif you'da been a little red ant on the other hand  
Nothin' woulda been so hard  
'Cause an ant needs nothin' but a hill, a hole,  
A little uncle and a library card. **CHORUS**

Do ya ever get the feelin' on the freeway home  
When the last three lanes converge  
That if you clench your teeth until your gums turn blue  
You can't negotiate one more merge

You'd never have to worry 'bout changin' lanes  
If you'da been a little white tail doe  
'Cause a doe needs nothin' but leaves & trees,  
A couple bucks and a book o' Thoreau. **CHORUS**

## 6. WHO PUT THE SIGH IN SIBERIA

©1984 L&P Berryman

The cream is as thin as the cloth of our coats  
In dribbles of milk from our government goats  
Who live hypothermically grazing for moss  
In weather that's nearly as cold as LaCrosse

### CHORUS:

Who? Who? Who put the sigh  
In Siberia?

Here is unpleasant but what can we say  
We could have been living in U.S. of A.  
They tell us political dissidents there  
Are banished to live by their wits in Eau Claire

### CHORUS

We bring home our vodka in big frozen chunk  
We huddle with comrades and lick ourselves drunk  
We talk of the coldest of winds from the west  
The one that we call the Wisconsin Express.

### CHORUS

To drinking of vodka is hard to say nyet  
In Russia we call this Wisconsin roulette  
Our Comrade Crosscountryski croaked in his cot  
Now he is buried in communist plot

### CHORUS

While shopping at PINKOS we talk & we laugh  
While standing in line for a day and a half  
We're buying for children some crayons today  
But we can't decide between brindle and gray

### CHORUS

**7. CHEATIN' ON CHEATIN'** ©1986 L&P Berryman

I know you know I been cheatin'  
You know I know you have too  
Since we're so close to each other  
There's somethin' I oughta tell you

Somewhere amongst all this cheatin'  
We cheated ourselves outta luck  
'Cause the gal that you're cheatin' with's ridin'  
In the guy that I'm cheatin' with's truck

**CHORUS:**

The one that I'm cheatin' with's cheatin'  
The one that you're cheatin with's too  
Yes, the one that I'm cheatin' with's cheatin'  
With the cheat who is cheatin' with you

You ask how I heard this sad story  
A story that can't be denied  
My sister's neighbor she heard it  
From the guy who she sees on the side

He saw that truck at the motel  
The name they had given was false  
He saw through the window they had nothin' on  
Except for the Tennessee waltz.

**CHORUS**

How can they do this to us dear  
Hard to believe but it's true  
Cheatin' on cheatin' is cheatin'  
But I got an idea what to do

I'll call your cheatin' gal's husband  
& tell the whole story to him  
You look my cheatin' guy's wife up  
& we can start cheatin' with them.

**CHORUS**

**8. POUR ME MORE POLKA** ©1982 L&P Berryman

The youngness of my childhood decided not to stay  
The oldness of my middle age gets drunker every day  
I know the rent is overdue I don't know what to say  
So take the towel off my dear & throw the book away

**CHORUS:**

Pour me more, you can't be dry to polka  
Steer me dear, 'cause I'm too drunk to see  
Prop me up, I still can hear the music  
Where's the stairs, won't someone rescue me

When I find that I am eating leaves from off the hedge  
That's an indication I have gone over the edge  
From the looks of things I think I'm doing it again  
'Cause there's mud upon th floor & branches in th den.

Mama Papa come get me before I fade away  
I am talking to myself but can't hear what I say  
If you get me Mama just as quickly as you can  
I promise you & Papa I will not grow up again.

**9. ANN McKENZIE** ©1988

I recognize the singer 'cause her name is Lou  
John is tootin' on the tuba too  
The gentleman on the drums 's gotta be Fayette  
But who the heck's the woman on the cor(o)net?

The singer is a-squeezin' the accordion too  
Fayette does a double on the slide kazoo  
But do me a little favor at the end of the set  
Introduce me to the woman on the cor(o)net

The drummer's on the left and the bass behind  
Me'n my guitar 'r' tryin' to keep in time  
Movin' cross the stage to do a little duet  
With the woman on the end with the cor(o)net

Her eyes are a hypnotic blue  
Tonight when the music's through I'll say  
How do you do

If my luck holds out when the band packs up  
I'll slip a little whiskey in a paper cup  
Sidle out back and have a tet-a-tet  
With the captivatin' woman on the cor(o)net

## 10. JOHN ED HAMMET ©1984 L&P Berryman

John Ed Hammett felt good about everything  
Nothing he had done had gone wrong that day  
Sun wasn't shining but for John it was a blessing  
'Cause he really liked the weather when the sky was grey  
Dropped a plate of waffles on the floor of the kitchen  
But he didn't like eatin' in the morning anyway  
John Ed Hammett felt good about everything  
Nothing he had done had gone wrong that day

### CHORUS:

Every now & then / I lose track again  
Pour a cup o' tea / Make John sing to me

Moth so pretty when it's flyin' by so ugly when it's in the drink  
Hair so pretty when it's on the head so ugly when it's in the sink  
Jam so pretty when it's on the bread so ugly when it's on the tie  
Moth so ugly when it's in the drink so pretty when it's flyin' by

John Ed Hammett was happier'n he'd ever been  
Whatever he'd attempted it had turned out right  
Knocked out cold by a mugger in an alleyway  
But that's okay with Johnny 'cause he didn't like to fight  
Went into a coma lasted almost up to suppertime  
But Johnny didn't mind because he couldn't sleep at night  
John Ed Hammett was happier'n he'd ever been  
Whatever he'd attempted it had turned out right.

### CHORUS

Smoke so good from a barbecue so bad from a Chevrolet  
Oil so good when it's in the car so bad when it's in the bay  
Hole so good in a donut shop so bad in a wood canoe  
Smoke so bad from a Chevrolet so good from a barbecue

John Ed Hammett had an attitude of gratitude  
& fortune seemed to smile on him wherever Johnny went  
A 747 hit his humble hacienda  
Savin' Johnny from the sorrow of another month of rent  
He moved in with his lover and her cabin caught afire  
But they'd always had the fantasy of livin' in a tent  
John Ed Hammett had an attitude of gratitude  
& fortune seemed to smile on him wherever Johnny went.

### CHORUS

Music wrong in a shopping mall, so right in a cabaret  
Bomb so wrong in a foreign sub, so "right" in the USA  
Brown leaves wrong in the summertime, so right when it comes to fall  
Music right in a cabaret, so wrong in a shopping mall

## 11. I GO POGO by Walt Kelley

*This is the only song we've ever recorded that we did not write.  
We have been unable to locate the copyright holder. Until  
we have permission, we can't print the lyrics. Sorry!*

## 12. WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT

ANY OTHER WAY ©1986 L&P Berryman

A china pooch sits on her mantle  
If you like chintz, this does the trick  
A little clock is in his tummy  
Until she croaks, there it will tick

A rainbow trout leaps on his camper  
He calls it art, I call it kitsch  
It's his decal, his Winnebago  
Until he croaks, there leaps the fitsch

She makes art with glue and fettucini  
You should try his Oreo souffle  
This must be a movie by Fellini  
We wouldn't have it any other way

A statuette of Elvis Presley  
She wouldn't trade for anything  
Is by my bust of Liberace  
Until she croaks, Elvis is king

He's got a saw down in the basement  
At making scrap, the guy's a whiz  
I've got the yard, I've got the kitchen  
Until he croaks, the basement's his

D'ja ever get the feeling you're from Venus  
& you got here from Mars the other day  
There's not an Earthly chromosome between us  
We wouldn't have it any other way

On Saturdays she sniffs for bargains  
She's got a nose that doesn't quit  
Says on her car "I brake for rummage"  
Until she croaks, my shirts don't fit

The fun he has down at the clubhouse  
Sometimes I think he gets too loose  
One night a week, I 'spose he needs it  
Until he croaks, he'll be a moose

She embroiders sayings on her pillows  
He makes little monsters out of clay  
Except for just a couple peccadillos  
We wouldn't have it any other way  
We wouldn't have it any other way