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“Time hurries on and the leaves that are green turn to brown”

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I have a soundtrack in my head. On this crisp October morning it's playing Simon and Garfunkel who created much of the soundtrack of my youth. It pops up in times of nostalgia.

My status yesterday said that I had a nice visit with #1 Grandson at the University of Rhode Island.



50 years ago I was a freshman at Queens College. There was a concert by a recent graduate (Paul Simon) who was beginning his music career. Amazing that you can find it on utube.

It includes the song in my head this morning.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhfPce_ONvo

Listening to this deepened my nostalgia.

1964 was Freedom Summer at Queens College (City University of NY). A student Andrew Goodman had gone to Mississippi to register voters and was murdered along with 2 colleagues. The songs reflected the issues of the times.

It's a bit sad thinking about how fast the years have flown by. Still I'm thrilled to find our grandson doing well and happy with his choice.

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Then I remembered another October when I was listening to "Leaves green turning to brown".

That October 1969 my husband was on his way to Vietnam (Corps of Engineers), leaving me with a 4 week old baby. It was an awful year wondering what the future would bring. Fortunately, he came home and we had 2 more children.

So instead of weepy nostalgia, I'm going for a walk this morning to watch the leaves turning from green to brown happy that DH is here with me to see #1 grandson off to college.



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SWEDE_SU

i entered high school that year, also in queens, and was a bit young to remember the events as they happened. i do indeed remember simon and garfunkel quite well, though! nice full circle post!

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LACY77



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SYLPHINPROGRESS

In just a few words you've covered a lifetime and drawn a circle, yet your trajectory-- handprint-generations are the dynamism. Thank you for this poetry.

I entered CCNY in September, 1965, and know of what you speak. The name "Andrew Goodman" always clutches in my gut. One time, well into my adulthood, I saw the familiar photo of him; it may have been an anniversary of the murders. That was the first time I saw in him the same brand of dark, handsome looks possessed by Tyrone Power. For a reason I'll never understand, the recognition has remained important to me.

You've set off an explosion in my head.

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PHEBESS

Another S&G fan, their music was definitely on the soundtrack of our youth!


And yes, time flies and hurries on, and we take the green leaves time and the brown leaves time, as well as the orange/red/gold leaves in between.

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KOHINOOR2

Great story.  Simon and Garfunkel 's songs are among my favorite of all time. Thanks

for the memories!  

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ONEKIDSMOM

I call the music I "grew up with" my youth juice. When Mr. Holland's Opus first came out, I wept all the way through it as I relived the memories of the music. Bittersweet. I was in high school when the Kent State shootings happened, and the song with the haunting "Four dead in Ohio..." lyric still gets me, every time. Good call on taking a walk as the leaves turn. For none of us can stop the world from turning and time going on.

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MARYJEANSL

That is a beautiful story. Funnily enough, that song means a lot to me, too. I was a huge fan of Simon and Garfunkel in my younger days, though I never got to a concert. I remember singing "Leaves that are Green" to my dad, and his asking me to please stop because it hit home just a little too much. I will never forget that. I don't have too many clear memories of my dad, and even though that one is kind of sad, I am glad for the memory.

I am glad your dh came back safely, and that you have children and grandchildren to delight in!

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GINIEMIE

So glad you shared that, and am so thanking God that you got your husband back and had two more darlings. I believe that Fall is a time for nostalgia. For me it holds many sad memories that I try to overcome with thoughts of how blessed I was to have my dad, sister, mom and husband for as long as I did.

My brother came back from Nam too, my DH was not able to serve as he was 4 F.

Thank your DH for me, I appreciate what he did for our country.



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DOVESEYES

How wonderful thanks for sharing this.

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PHOENIX1949

Love the link -- have always loved Simon and Garfunkel. Those were indeed some tumultuous times in our history and it is hard to imagine so much time has passed since then. Living in the city of the major State University, with an Air Force Base in town and a large Army base about an hour away, there was a lot of contact with boys on the way to Vietnam and the men returning from there. It was many, many years before I began to realize what they experienced and rarely, if ever, talked about. Glad your husband made it back home.

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TERI-RIFIC

Thanks for your husband's service and your sacrifice. It was a tough time.

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WATERMELLEN

What a lovely blog which brought to mind for me too that great S&G song -- we have such happiness and fulfilment in our lives and it's great to pause and acknowledge our good fortune.

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POLSKARENIA

I have always loved listening to Simon & Garfunkel. I also had the opportunity to see them live when they played in the UK many years ago. They were brilliant and their music has never aged.

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SUBMOM2

My aunt used to play a lot of Simon and Garfunkel. She's 82, still cool, and I love all of their music. It's beautiful that you and your husband were there with your grandson.

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DR1939

Ah, S&G, such memories they stir.

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LINDAKAY228

I remember so much too from back in those times. I was a senior in high school when the Vietnam war ended. Now we have others to think about and send our military off too. I remember things that happened and some of your memories brought Kent State and others things (including those wildly painted VW vans LOL) to mind both good and bad. I see where Fleetwood Mac is now



back together again when it doesn't seem that long since they split. I listened to country music a lot because I lived in a small town all through school and sometimes later and remember Glen Campbell so very well and now I hear on the news a documentary of his life with Alzheimer's is out right now. I remember when he was so much younger. There were sad and good times and sometimes it helps to remember those. And I thank God that I've made it through to see today and it's good and bad times too. Life is worth cherishing.
Also glad you had the great visit with your grandson!
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CD4114015

I agree with the others nice walk down memory lane! I remember it all too! 1968 is when my DH went over to Viet Nam ...we weren't married then. Funny, last night he sent me a list of people he was with that died over there...the list was HUGE and all I could think of what how THANKFUL I am that he was not on that list back then so that I have the life I do now!

GREAT blog!
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KELLIEBEAN

That's beautiful. I'm a big fan of Simon and Garfunkel. I was too young at that time to understand what was going on but as I got older and learned more, it affected me.

I'm glad DH is here and I get to hear about your wonderful times together!

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MILLEDGE2

Glad you are able to celebrate this time with your husband and grandson and know that the years have passed but not in vain! I, too, was a college freshman in 1964 but in Birmingham, Alabama, where so much of the upheaval was happening. I could never have predicted I would move back to Alabama and try to be a part of bringing about better things in this world. Have a great day!

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ANDREWMMOM



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IFDEEVARUNS2

Thanks for the memories! Timeless music.

I'm always amused when my kids or grandkids love a song that dates back to the days when I was their age.

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DDOORN

Love that song also, among many other S & G gems! It certainly encourages one's mind to wander, reminisce, treasure our memories...as Paul Simon says in another song, Bookends:

"Long ago it must be
I have a photograph
Preserve your memories
They're all that's left you"

Don
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BLAZINGSWORD

I have Simon and Garfunkel's Bridge Over Troubled Water and I loved playing it over & over. Didn't they also do "Hey Mrs. Robinson" theme? I think that was on the other side of the 45 that I still have. Not to mention a bunch of others.

Anyway, I am so glad that your hubby is still here and that your family line continues; and that you

had a wonderful time with your grandson.

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RIDLEYRIDER

Full circle....the years have a strange way of doing things like that to us.

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