

# I Learned It All From Daffy Duck (YouTube Links Only edition)

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## Footnotes/References

[1] Original rotoscope of **Daffy Duck** singing the Looney Tunes theme song is at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q526mSA3TRs>. Player piano roll of the tune is at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&v=n73IXCzJUZA>.

Daffy was introduced in 1937 in “Porky’s Duck Hunt”

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_Rcy5LgjpA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_Rcy5LgjpA).

Followed in 1938 by “The Daffy Doc”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&feature=endscreen&v=pK9AwzugKK0>.

..and during WWII, “Daffy The Commando”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ngETXxl5pg>

My favorite Daffy Duck cartoon of all time was “Daffy’s Southern Exposure” (1942)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zk0P8-4oCk>.

[1b] **W.C. Fields** “The Fatal Glass of Beer”:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgpHfQpYxl4>

[2] Dopamine article in Wikipedia.org: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dopamine>

[2b] 1948 **Ajax Cleanser** commercial

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChUqNLvmMcE>

Classic Commercial Jingles of the 50s and 60s

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLRhsxJ8\\_GE&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLRhsxJ8_GE&feature=related)

See the USA in Your Chevrolet, Halo everybody Halo, I’d love to be an Oscar Meyer wiener, Frito bandito, Snap Crackle Pop makes the world go round--  
Rice Krispies, Everyone knows it’s slinky, You can trust your car to the man

who wears the star (Texaco), Mr Clean will clean your whole house, and everything that's in it, Winston tastes good, like a cigarette should.

[2c] **Firesign Theater:**

“High School Madness” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A5DftXzIqs>  
“Land of the Pharoahs” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UCQShAm5vo>  
“Nick Danger Third Eye” Pt 1  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5XfXECpU6w>  
“Nick Danger Third Eye” Pt 2  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=200erlAHzU8>  
“Nick Danger Third Eye” Pt 3  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEltFvygT0c>  
“How Can You Be In Two Places At Once”  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCzgdF\\_WjOg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCzgdF_WjOg)  
“I Think We’re All Bozos On This Bus”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmWFrMq3qNY>  
“Don’t Crush That Dwarf” [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGTY\\_jTZ-Zo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGTY_jTZ-Zo)

[3] Bashful Buzzard, Looney Tunes  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=na7WqSb6sY0>

[4] In the Valley of the **Jolly Green Giant.**  
The Kingsmen’s 1965 hit “Jolly Green Giant”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSlUq2dCOEA>  
Green Giant corn and green beans Commercial  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8ilBsr9n3o>

[5] **Tom Lehrer**

[5a] Tom Lehrer’s “So Long Mom (I’m Off To Drop The Bomb)”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkIr0UD9eSo>  
[5b] Tom Lehrer’s “Vatican Rag”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f72CTDe4-0>  
[5c] Tom Lehrer’s “Wernher von Braun”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEJ9HrZq7Ro>  
[5d] Tom Lehrer’s “Poisoning Pigeons In The Park”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNA9rQcMq00>

[6] **Kukla, Fran & Ollie**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWyntdjqBhQ>

[7] **Jimmy Durante** “Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are!”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWN97q7xtDE&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvM5LRQ6YPo>

[11] Comedy in songs, more Coasters hits.

[19] **Sheriff John’s “Lunch Brigade”**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teH91xjNZ2o>

[20] **Engineer Bill** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzvdIE45XEI>

[21] The **Howdy Doody** Show

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIslhp9vqqw>

[21] **Captain Kangaroo** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSW-LJJHH3U&feature=related>

[22] Captain Kangaroo <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSW-LJJHH3U&feature=related>

[23] **Captain Zoom** <http://tv.yahoo.com/show/1590>

***Adventures of Captain Zoom in Outer Space***

*When the inhabitants of planet Pangea are threatened by the evil Lord Vox, they summon the help of Captain Zoom, not realizing that he is an actor playing the fictional character Zoom in a television show being beamed from planet Earth in the 1950s. [NOTE: This log line for the background of a 1950s TV show is exactly the plot of “Galaxy Quest”, the 1999 feature film starring Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman and Tony Shaloub.]*

[24] **The Mickey Mouse Show**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4C\\_IUy58Rw&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4C_IUy58Rw&feature=related) and  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7W7BPt9rK0&feature=related>

[25] **Soupy Sales** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-OGy3Kh7yM>

[26] **Crusader Rabbit** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3hHQvkUhJo>

[28] Krusty Gets Cancelled [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krusty\\_Gets\\_Cancelled](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krusty_Gets_Cancelled)

[30] **Lenny Bruce:**

Steve Allen Show/Airplane Glue:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvQpbhaiQao>

Censorship on the Steve Allen Show/Jews With Tattoos

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WT7vknG6Eso>

Album/ Father Flotki's Triumph (Ya-da Ya-da warden!):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYAcCcpJ4No>

[41] Some of the best of **The Committee's** bits include:

a) Oogah-Boogah and Clean Up

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zom\\_N1uTqE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zom_N1uTqE)

b) Computer Date : MP3 Submitted on data CD to Sara Felder

c) Effusive Greetings: MP3 Submitted on data CD to Sara Felder

d) Wide Wide World of War: MP3 Submitted on data CD to Sara Felder

[42] **Mad Magazine's** "East Side Story" is an example of the song parody genre brilliantly executed by the magazine's writers. It uses the music of "West Side Story" that was already in the reader's mind (and therefore not subject to further royalties) and adds lyrics portraying leaders of Eastern and Western U.N. blocs as rival gang members. <http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~mfram/Pages/406-lifestyle.html>

[50] Frank Mills **"Hair"** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZB1XRA2HFA>

[51] **Mary Hartman** “Focus Group”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQWufjVHn6k>

(Norman Lear called Louise Lasser’s performance in “Focus Group” the best in television history.)

Mary Hartman “Chicken Soup”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jpfconAdU0>

Mary Hartman “Waxy Yellow Buildup”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bePIpRzqrEQ>

Mary Hartman “I Can’t Talk Now, I’m On The Phone”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om1rFCbLSRY>

[51] **Ernie Kovacs:**

TV Westerns featuring "Schwarze Bart"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEEhtKdUEtU>

The Nairobi Trio "Solfeggio"

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=416o9b\\_pjQk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=416o9b_pjQk)

The Ernie Kovacs Show - Excerpt (NBC, 1956)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34zpEEyHfUc>

How A Singing Commercial Is Produced

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MN5v9aCvPJw>

Ernie Kovacs - Chef Miklos Molnar

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc7UdCrJRKI>

"Mack the Knife" without O-scope

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09yqFJZRaeq>

Ernie Kovacs - Edie Adams as Marilyn Monroe sings "The Ballad of Davy Crockett"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xZeWXXgTIY>

Leena Queen Of The Jungle

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tk3KLuk5iAQ>

[52] **Dan O’Neill** Odd Bodkins <http://danoneillcomics.blogspot.com/>

The Collective Unconscience of Odd Bodkins

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-)  
[alias%3Dstripbooks&field-](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-)

[keywords=The+Collective+Unconscience+of+Odd+Bodkins&rh=n%3A283](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=The+Collective+Unconscience+of+Odd+Bodkins&rh=n%3A283155%2Ck%3AThe+Collective+Unconscience+of+Odd+Bodkins&ajr=0)  
[155%2Ck%3AThe+Collective+Unconscience+of+Odd+Bodkins&ajr=0](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=The+Collective+Unconscience+of+Odd+Bodkins&rh=n%3A283155%2Ck%3AThe+Collective+Unconscience+of+Odd+Bodkins&ajr=0)

[53] **Underground comics**

*A History of Underground Comics*, by Mark James Estren

[http://sirrealcomix.mrainey.com/page/\\_books/HistoryOfUndergroundComics-1.htm](http://sirrealcomix.mrainey.com/page/_books/HistoryOfUndergroundComics-1.htm)

<http://www.amazon.com/A-History-Underground-Comics-Estren/dp/091417164X>

*Despair* comic book is a comic book collector's item

[http://www.amazon.com/Plunge-Depths-Despair-Robert-crumb/dp/B000JMDM4U/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1351125327&sr=1-1&keywords=Despair+comic+book](http://www.amazon.com/Plunge-Depths-Despair-Robert-crumb/dp/B000JMDM4U/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1351125327&sr=1-1&keywords=Despair+comic+book)

Zap comics

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Zap+comics](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Zap+comics)

[54] Hays Commission

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motion\\_Picture\\_Production\\_Code](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motion_Picture_Production_Code)

[55] **Merrie Melodies** “Hollywood Steps Out” caricatures the movie stars of the 1930s (preceded by ad) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISKrVM7hkvw>

[56] Better than “Hollywood Steps Out” is the original “Coo Coo Nut Grove” (1936) Merrie Melodies cartoon. <http://melblancproject.wordpress.com/tag/john-barrymore/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Coo-Coo\\_Nut\\_Grove](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Coo-Coo_Nut_Grove)

<http://likelylooneymostlymerrie.blogspot.com/2012/04/149-coo-coo-nut-grove-1936.html>

[57] “Have You Got Any Castles?” (1938) is a takeoff on all the popular books of the day, including the actors who played them in the movies or whose names (like Gable). Book land frolic.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ns0RG5GA2\\_Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ns0RG5GA2_Q)

[58] **Ernie Kovacs** “Mac The Knife” oscilloscope of audio footage.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfB3jj8vKlo&feature=watch-vrec>

[59] Sigmund Freud: Jokes and Their Relation to the Unconscious (1905)

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&frm=1&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CB4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fids385.files.wordpress.com%2F2012%2F01%2Ffreud-jokes-unconscious.pdf&ei=oh2MUOuwM4es8ATBioCgAg&usg=AFQjCNEhIHLs63fdBj78KoxKv3ke8jTCPQ>

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[http://www.bkstr.com/Home/10001-276905-](http://www.bkstr.com/Home/10001-276905-1?demoKey=d&cm_mmc=iCrossing- -PaidSearch- -SchoolSpecific- -Google)

[1?demoKey=d&cm\\_mmc=iCrossing- -PaidSearch- -SchoolSpecific- -Google](http://www.bkstr.com/Home/10001-276905-1?demoKey=d&cm_mmc=iCrossing- -PaidSearch- -SchoolSpecific- -Google)

<http://sfsubookstore.com>

[http://www.sfsubookstore.com/catalog/product\\_info.php/...id/4834058](http://www.sfsubookstore.com/catalog/product_info.php/...id/4834058)

[60] Army-McCarthy hearings: “Have you left no sense of decency, sir, at long last?”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqQD4dzVkwk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO2iiovYq70&feature=related>

[61] **Doonesbury’s** May 23, 1979 comic strip “Guilty! Guilty! Guilty!”

<http://doonesbury.slate.com/strip/archive/1973/05/29>

[62] **West Side Story lyrics:**

“America” <http://www.westsidestory.com/site/level2/lyrics/america.html>

“Gee, Officer Krupke”

<http://www.westsidestory.com/site/level2/lyrics/krupke.html>

“America” clip from movie

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qy6wo2wpT2k>

“Krupke” clip from movie <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pq28qCkIEHc>

[63] **Hill Street Blues roll call** 7 a.m.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Onc3-qaqnb>

[64] **Cop Rock**

“He’s Guilty!”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWwNTSj2Cy0> (OMG, funny!)

“Let’s Be Careful Out There”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLm5Sn1cMyQ>

“You Can’t Keep A Good Man Down”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyuqB4ksZuA&feature=related>

“Sandman”

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8ufaE\\_18VU&feature=fvwrel](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8ufaE_18VU&feature=fvwrel)

[65] **The West Wing** Clips

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg90z3zmUeY&playnext=1&list=PLAAA4C0BC48D61098&feature=results\\_main](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg90z3zmUeY&playnext=1&list=PLAAA4C0BC48D61098&feature=results_main)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqkE5taGWEO&feature=autoplay&list=PLAAA4C0BC48D61098&playnext=2>

[66] **M\*A\*S\*H**

Lots of M\*A\*S\*H clips here

[http://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=M\\*A\\*S\\*H&oq=M\\*A\\*S\\*H&gs\\_l=youtube.3..0110.1232.5720.0.7147.7.2.0.5.5.0.145.261.0j2.2.0...0.0...1ac.1.a5jK-IF7Utl](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=M*A*S*H&oq=M*A*S*H&gs_l=youtube.3..0110.1232.5720.0.7147.7.2.0.5.5.0.145.261.0j2.2.0...0.0...1ac.1.a5jK-IF7Utl)

M\*A\*S\*H humor tribute

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJyfmanqYc8>

[67] **Book of Mormon**

“I Believe”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=GVJgmp2Tc2s>

“Hello”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzRFpvL4fws&feature=endscreen&NR=1>

[68] **South Park: The Movie**

“Up There” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo4XXm8OUP4>

[69] Greg Palast’s

“Vulture’s Picnic”

<http://www.gregpalast.com/vulturespicnic/>

“How The GOP Is Planning To Steal the 2012 Election”

<http://truth-out.org/news/item/11500-greg-palast-on-how-the-gop-is-planning-to-steal-the-2012-election>

“Billionaires and Ballot Bandits”

<http://www.gregpalast.com/ballotbandits/>

[70] America: What Went Wrong?



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald\\_L.\\_Barlett](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_L._Barlett)

1992 Book based upon Philadelphia Inquirer Pulitzer Prize-Winning series of articles:

[http://books.google.com/books/about/America\\_What\\_Went\\_Wrong.html?id=r0QLU3AWmIIC](http://books.google.com/books/about/America_What_Went_Wrong.html?id=r0QLU3AWmIIC)

[71] **Mad Magazine parody "My Fair Ad Man"**

<http://stendek.tumblr.com/post/5359481856/my-fair-ad-man-humor-tale-by-mort-drucker>

[I] **Three Song Lyrics from Mad Magazine's "East Side Story"**

**Khrushchev (to "I Feel Pretty"):**

I feel vicious  
Oh so vicious  
I feel vicious, malicious and low!  
How delicious  
Just to know that I am hated so!

See the little world that we're living in  
How shall I destroy it today-ay?  
I will thump my shoe!  
I will make a face!  
I will start a war!  
I will get my way!

**Sinatra (to "America"):**

Life is a whiz in America  
Eddie met Liz in America  
Thought she was his in America  
Well, that's show-biz in America!

**Commie Satellites (to "Gee Officer Krupke"):**

Today one thing is certain--the world is split in two  
You built an Iron Curtain, it really killed the view  
Now please do us a favor--to us we think it's due  
Build a curtain that will keep out you!

You say, "Shape up your nation!" Except that it won't shape

The whole darn population is tryin' to escape  
You shoulda stayed in Russia, you shoulda stayed in bed  
Vlad-i-vos-tok! I'm a sorry Red!

[J] **The Merry Go Round Broke Down**  
(Looney Tunes theme)

**DAFFY DUCK Version (1937)**

*Hold your seats folks, here we go again*

My name is Daffy Duck  
I work on a merry go round  
No job was as swell, I fixed my well  
Till the merry go round broke down  
The guy who worked with me  
Was a horse with a lavender eye  
Around we whirled we winked at girls  
Till the merry go round broke down  
Up and down and round it we spin  
The dizzy pace is too much for my head  
Now you know why I'm dizzy  
And do the things I do  
I am a screw and you are too  
It's the merry go round broke down  
Yes the merry go round broke down

**ORIGINAL VERSION (1937) by Cliff Friend and Dave Franklin:**

Oh, the Merry-Go-Round broke down  
And we went round and round  
Each time t'would miss, we'd steal a kiss  
And the Merry-Go-Round went  
"Um-pah-pah, um-pah-pah  
Um-pah! Um-pah! Um-pah-pah-pah!"  
Oh, the Merry-Go-Round broke down  
And it made the darndest sound,  
The lights went low, we both said "Oh!"  
And the Merry-Go-Round went  
"Um-pah-pah, um-pah-pah  
Um-pah! Um-pah! Um-pah-pah-pah!"  
Oh what fun - a wonderful time  
Finding love for only a dime.

Oh, the Merry-Go-Round broke down  
But you don't see me frown  
Things turned out fine and now she's mine -  
Cause the the Merry-Go-Round went  
"Um-pah-pah, um-pah-pah  
Um-pah! Um-pah! Um-pah-pah-pah!"  
Oh, the Merry-Go-Round broke down.

**[K] Frank Mills (from "Hair")**

I met a boy called Frank Mills  
On September twelfth right here  
In front of the Waverly  
But unfortunately  
I lost his address

He was last seen with his friend,  
A drummer, he resembles George Harrison of the Beatles  
But he wears his hair  
Tied in a small bow at the back

I love him but it embarrasses me  
To walk down the street with him  
He lives in Brooklyn somewhere  
And wears this white crash helmet

He has golden chains on his leather jacket  
And on the back is written the names  
Mary  
And Mom  
And Hell's Angels

I would gratefully  
Appreciate it if you see him tell him  
I'm in the park with my girlfriend  
And please

Tell him Angela and I  
Don't want the two dollars back  
Just him!