

Thank you. Thank you very much. Now it's time to highlight a great artist from yesteryear. Let's see if you can figure out who he is.

He was a singer, guitarist, song writer, TV host, and actor, born in the same year as I was - 1936 - in Arkansas and passed away just recently, in August 2017. Over his career, he released more than 70 albums, with over 45 million records sales including 12 gold albums, 4 platinum albums, and one double-platinum album. In 1967, he won Grammy Awards for Best Male Country Vocal Performance, Best Country & Western Recording, Best Contemporary Vocal Performance, and Album Of The Year.

Any ideas? OK. This ought to bring this artist's name out of your memory banks. Two of his most famous songs were "Gentle On My Mind" and "By The Time I Get To Phoenix." Who are we describing? Right. Glen Travis Campbell.

Tonight, we'll perform 3 of his greatest hits. For the first selection, we'll go to the year 1975 and a song that Mr. Campbell said he identified with. The lyrics describe one's ability to survive and make it when the chips are down. It quickly rose to the #1 spot on the charts that year in the US as well as in Canada.

Here's our version of that great Glen Campbell hit - "Rhinestone Cowboy."