

Thank you. Thank you very much. Now it's time to feature an artist from yesteryear. Our featured artist this evening was born in 1903, and his singing career stretched from 1926 until his death in 1977. Around 1948, the polls named him as the most "admired man alive," ahead of Jackie Robinson and Pope Pius XII. In 1944, he won an Academy Award for his role as a priest in the movie, "Going My Way, and in 1962, he was the first person to receive the Global Achievement Award. Who am I describing? Right - Bing Crosby, sometimes referred to as "Der Bingle."

For our selections this evening, we're going to focus on the mid-forties and feature three of Bing's greatest hits during that period. Our first selection was inspired by Bing's comments to one of his unruly children. He said to the child, "Do you want to grow up to be a mule?" The songwriter took this line and composed a song that sold more than a million copies and was the top song on the pop charts for 9 weeks.

Here's our version of "Swinging On A Star."