

Thank you.

Each time we play for you, we like to showcase a noted artist of yesteryear. This time, we're going to highlight some songs by a very famous Jazz trumpet player and singer born on August 4, 1901, in the great city of New Orleans. Who would that be? Right - Louis Daniel Armstrong, otherwise known as "Louie."

Louie died of a heart attack on July 6, 1971. During the 70 years of his life on earth, he became one of the most influential jazz musicians in history.

We're going to play three of his selections this evening. The first was recorded by Louie in 1968, just shortly before his death. The lyrics of the song present a hopeful, optimistic tone with regard to the future, talking about green trees, red roses, blue skies, white clouds, rainbows, and babies being born with a great future ahead of them.

Here is Louie Armstrong's "What A Wonderful World."