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    <!------- Essay Begins
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    <p><Strong>One of the fondest memories I have is from
my high school year days, my closest friend Paul in the
passenger seat of my mother's convertible Chrysler LeBaron. We
were just out cruising around heading to the arcade. I remember
the wind blowing in our hair and the stock radio tuned to KROQ-
FM (a local alternative rock station in Orange County,
California). I recall "Only a Lad" coming on the radio,
simultaneously Paul and I looked over at each other, then back
to the radio. Instinctively I turned the radio all the way up.
This was our mantra, with its fast pace rhythm and edgy lyrics,
it described what we thought we were, misguided youth. The
band, Oingo Boingo, an eclectic mix of ska, new wave, pop and
original sounds created by the octet headed by Danny Elfman. </
strong><em><a href="http://www.allmusic.com/artist/oingo-boingo-
mn0000390532/biography"><b>(Prato, 2017)</b></a></em><strong>
This would be the music I would find myself drawn to over and
over again throughout my life.</Strong> </p>
    <p><strong>The year was 1987 and I remember Paul
putting a tape in his cassette player and turning it on. The
typical melodic synthesizers and melancholy sounds that were
typical for the new wave music of the time were replaced by a
gritty and upbeat tone. A mixture of horns, guitar and subtle
percussion carried a unique voice through the speakers. I
remember hearing the lyric; </strong><em><a href="http://
www.lyricsfreak.com/o/oingo+boingo/nothing+to
+fear_10196903.html"><b>(Lyric Freak, 2017)</b> </em></a></p>
    <!------- Lyric View with
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    <ul><h4><em>
      <li>Hey neighbor let me give you some advice</li>
      <li>The Russians are about to pulverize us</li>
      <li>In our sleep tonight</li>
      <li>That is if the crazy Arabs</li>
      <li>Or the riots don't get us first</li>
      <li>And the fire will rain down from the sky</li>
      <li>The fire will rain down from the sky</li>
      <li>People will die--people will die</li>
    
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through it. Even today I look back and revisit these songs. Each has a meaning and a place in my life and touches me to this day. They have traveled with me to Germany and my early days in the Army. I can remember listening to "Dead Mans Party" before entering into a live minefield to locate and mark explosives, and later dancing with my daughter and son, introducing them to songs like "Home Again" after returning from my third deployment to Afghanistan. Oingo Boingo was there through the good and the bad.

In 1996 Oingo Boingo played their last concert together, ending nearly two decades of music together. Their popularity waned in the wake of the Seattle grunge scene and record sales dropped. Danny Elfman would take his experience from Oingo Boingo and transition into scoring music for movies. His style is easily discernable and his movie credits have allowed him to influence an even greater number of people. (Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, Oingo Boingo, 2017) Films like Tim Burtons Batman and a Nightmare before Christmas have marked a turning point for him, however Oingo Boingo will always resonate in my soul.

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