

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

Leo Robin, Ralph Rainger – 1937

Verse

Dm7 **Dm7b5** **C F C**
Yes, we've travelled far and wide together;
Edim G7 Cm G B7 C
Did we tra - vel too fast?
Dm7 Dm7b5 C F C
Now I reminisce and wonder whether
Baug7 B7 Em
Any good things ever last.
Cm G D7 Dm7b5 G7
But that, dear, is past.

Chorus

G7 C C#dim
Thanks for the memory of rainy afternoons
G7 C
Swingy Harlem tunes
A#dim G7
And motor-trips and burning lips
C#dim Dm7
And burning toast and prunes,
C#dim Dm Dm7 Dm7b5 G7
How lovely it was!

G7 C C#dim
Thanks for the memory of candlelight and wine,
G7 C
Castles on the Rhine,
A#dim G7
Your cozy chair and parties where
C#dim Dm7
We sang "Sweet Adeline".
C#dim Dm Dm7 Dm7b5 G7 Bb7
How lovely it was!

Eb Bb9 Bb7
Many's the time that we feasted
Eb C#dim
And many's the time that we fasted.
G Em Am Am7b5
Oh, well, it was swell while it lasted;
D7 Dm7 Dm7b5 G7 Gaug
We did have fun and no harm done.

G7 C C#dim
And thanks for the memory of sunburns at the shore
G7 C
Nights in Singapore.
A#dim G7
You might have been a headache
C#dim Dm7
But you never were a bore,
C#dim Dm Dm7 G7 C Gaug7 G7
So thank you so much.

Chorus 2

G7 **C** **C#dim**
Thanks for the memory of sentimental verse,
G7 **C**
Nothing in my purse,
A#dim **G7**
And chuckles when the preacher said
C#dim **Dm7**
“For better or for worse”.
C#dim **Dm** **Dm7** **Dm7b5** **G7**
How lovely it was!

G7 **C** **C#dim**
Thanks for the memory of lingerie with lace,
G7 **C**
Pilsner by the case,
A#dim **G7**
And how I jumped the day you trumped
C#dim **Dm7**
My one and only ace
C#dim **Dm** **Dm7** **Dm7b5** **G7** **Bb7**
How lovely it was!

Eb **Bb9** **Bb7**
We said goodbye with a highball;
Eb **C#dim**
Then I got as “high” as a steeple.
G **Em** **Am** **Am7b5**
But we were intelligent people;
D7 **Dm7** **Dm7b5** **G7** **Gaug**
No tears, no fuss, Hurray for us.

G7 **C** **C#dim**
And thanks for the memory, and strictly entre nous
G7 **C**
Darling, how are you?
A#dim **G7**
And how are all the little dreams
C#dim **Dm7**
That never did come true?
D#dim **C** **Ab7**
Awfly glad I met you, cheerio and toodle-oo
Dm7 **G7** **Ab7** **C**
And thank you so much.

Arrangement by Dave Calvert
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Alternative Chorus 1:

**Thanks for the Memory
Of China's funny walls,
Transatlantic calls,
A weekend at Niagara when we hardly saw the falls.
How lovely it was!**

**Thanks for the Memory
Of lunch from twelve to four,
Sunburn at the shore,
That pair of gay pajamas that you bought and never wore -
(Spoken) By the way, whatever did happen to those pajamas?**

**Letters with sweet little secrets
That couldn't be put in a day wire;
Too bad it all had to go haywire,
But that's alright, I sleep at night.**

**And Thanks for the Memory
Of faults that you forgave,
Rainbows on a wave,
And stockings in the basin
When a feller needs a shave.
I thank you so much!**

Alternative Chorus 2:

**Thanks for the Memory
Of gardens at Versailles,
Beef and kidney pie,
The night you worked and then came home
With lipstick on your tie.
How lovely it was!**

**Thanks for the memory of lingerie with lace,
Pilsner by the case,
And how I jumped the day you trumped
My one and only ace
How lovely it was!**

**We said goodbye with a highball;
Then I got as "high" as a steeple.
But we were intelligent people;
No tears, no fuss, Hurray for us.**

**And thanks for the memory, and strictly entre nous
Darling, how are you?
And how are all the little dreams
That never did come true?
Awf'ly glad I met you, cheerio and toodle-oo
And thank you so much.**