# Among My Souvenirs: The Real Story Vol. 1

#### The True Story Behind the Beloved Song

"Among My Souvenirs" is a timeless classic that has been recorded by countless artists over the years. But few people know the real story behind the song, a story of love, loss, and the enduring power of memory.

### The Early Years

Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, the songwriting duo behind "Among My Souvenirs," were both born in New York City in the early 1930s. They met as teenagers and began songwriting together in the late 1940s.



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Their early songs were mostly novelty tunes, but in 1954 they wrote "Jailhouse Rock" for Elvis Presley. The song was a huge hit, and Leiber and Stoller became one of the most successful songwriting teams in the world.

#### Inspiration for "Among My Souvenirs"

In 1959, Leiber and Stoller were working on a new song when they heard a news story about a young woman who had been killed in a car accident. The woman's father had been collecting souvenirs from her life, and the songwriters were inspired by his story.

Leiber and Stoller wrote "Among My Souvenirs" as a ballad about a man who loses his wife. The song is full of vivid imagery and emotional depth, and it quickly became one of their most popular songs.

#### **Recordings and Covers**

"Among My Souvenirs" was first recorded by Connie Francis in 1959. The song was a big hit, and it has been covered by countless artists over the years, including Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Elvis Presley.

The song has also been used in several films and television shows, including "The Godfather Part II" and "The Sopranos."

#### Legacy of "Among My Souvenirs"

"Among My Souvenirs" is a timeless classic that continues to be loved by people of all ages. The song is a beautiful and moving tribute to the power of love and memory.

In 2005, Leiber and Stoller were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Their songs have been performed by some of the biggest names in music history, and they continue to inspire new generations of songwriters.

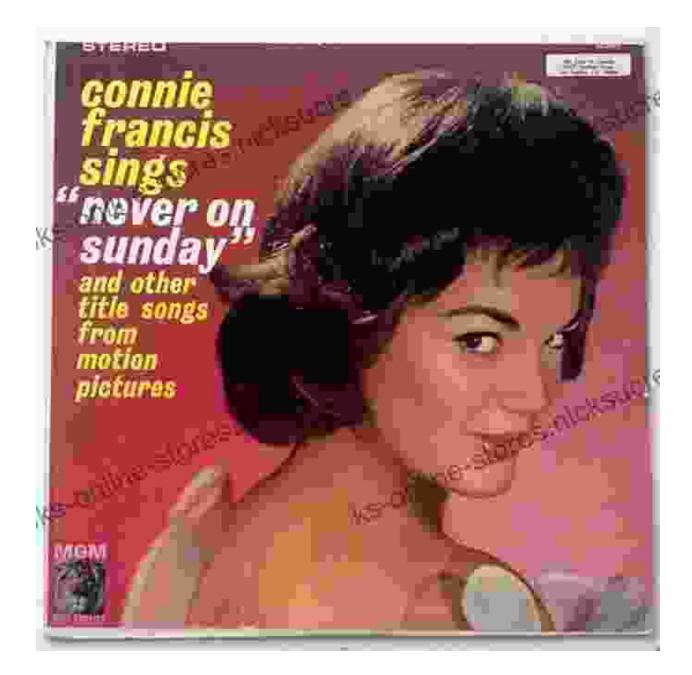
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Songfacts: Among My Souvenirs

- AllMusic: Among My Souvenirs
- Wikipedia: Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller

## Image Descriptions





Connie Francis singing "Among My Souvenirs."





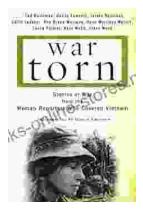
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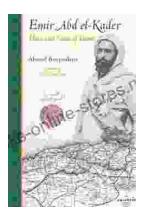
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