

FOUNTAIN IN THE PARK

(Or While Strolling In the Park One Day)

Ed Haley, 1884

“While Strolling In the Park One Day”, also known as, *“Fountain in the Park”*, is a song by Ed Haley, published in 1884 by Willis Woodward & Co. It is best known for its lyrics of, *“While strolling in the park one day, / All in the merry month of May”*. It has been featured in numerous films, including *“Strike up the Band”* (1940), starring Judy Garland. Many cartoons, such as *“The Nifty Nineties”*, a Mickey Mouse cartoon, *“Baby Puss”*, a Tom and Jerry cartoon, and *“Elmer's Pet Rabbit”*, a Bugs Bunny cartoon, have also used the song. Alvin and the Chipmunks loved singing this tune and used it their 1962 album *“The Chipmunk Songbook”*.



A few bars of *“Fountain in the Park”* were sung on the by NASA Astronauts, Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan, during the Apollo 17 mission. After stepping out of the capsule onto the moon, Schmitt started singing *“I was strolling on the moon one day...”*.

Ed Haley (1862-1932) was a prolific American songwriter who wrote and published songs under a myriad of assumed names, perhaps in order to get around the "exclusivity clause" included in many standard publishing contracts of the day. In addition to Ed Haley and Robert Keiser, which is actually his given name, he also published under the names of Robert King, R.A. Wilson, and Mrs. Ravenhall, as well as, anonymously.

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