

MOCKINGBIRD HILL

Vaughn Horton, 1921

This is a three part arrangement of the song, "*Mockingbird Hill*" written by Vaughn Horton in 1921. It is based closely on a Swedish waltz called "*Livet i Finnskogarna*" or "*Life in the Finn Woods*," recorded by Carl Jularbo in 1915.

The first recording of the song was made by the Pinetoppers, a group consisting of Vaughn Horton and his brother Roy, three other men, and a female duo in 1950. The first recording by an established act was made by guitarist Les Paul with Mary Ford vocalizing. The Les Paul/Mary Ford recording was issued by Capitol Records and also reached the Billboard top 10. On the Cash Box best-selling record charts, where all recordings were combined, the song first entered the chart on March 3, 1951, reached #1 on April 21, 1951, and remained #1 through the May 12, 1951 chart. It came back to the #1 position on May 26. Big Band orchestra leader, Russ Morgan, recorded the song in 1951 featuring the Gay Sisters on backing vocals. Slim Whitman also recorded two versions of the song.

Vaughn Horton (June 5, 1911 - February 29, 1988) was a songwriter composer, singer and author, educated at Pennsylvania State College. He was a country and western entertainer, and made many radio appearances, later producing and directing records. He joined ASCAP in 1945; his other popular song compositions include "*I Think I'm Gonna Cry Again*", "*I Wish I Hadn't Told a Lie*", "*Address Unknown*", and "*Tear Drops in My Heart*".

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