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Celebrating Five Decades Of Love Songs

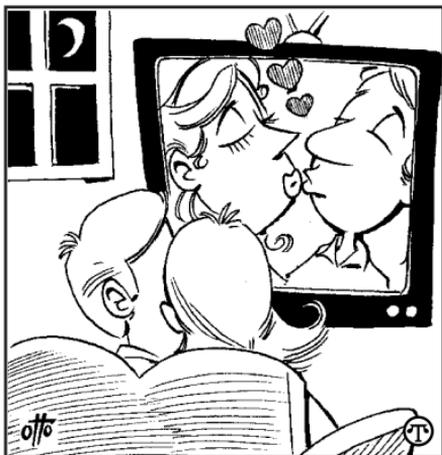
(NAPSA)—A lot has changed over the past five decades—in music and on television, in particular—but one thing has remained constant: the power of a love song to capture the emotions and create special moments.

Virtually everyone who's ever been in love has a treasured memory of slow dancing to a classic ballad. In the 1950s, it might have been Fats Domino's "Blueberry Hill." The '60s saw women in the arms of Mr. Right, swaying to the strains of Mary Wells' "My Guy." The 1970s were marked by Gladys Knight proclaiming "You're the Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me," and Al Green offering this advice to lovers: "Let's Stay Together."

A new CD offers a look back at these and other romantic chart-toppers, serving as a splendid soundtrack for weddings, receptions, anniversaries, showers and other lovestruck affairs. *TV Guide Presents: Five Decades of Great Love Songs* is a compilation of 12 masterful recordings from the last 50 years—many of them tied into television events that marked specific eras in America's memory.

- "Unchained Melody," by the Righteous Brothers. Did you happen to catch *Ghost* on cable the other night? Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore made this '60s chestnut sizzle in the 1990s, with the help of a potter's wheel.

- "Lovin' You," by Minnie Riperton. More than 25 years after its release, this blockbuster (with unforgettable high notes) was in America's ears again—thanks to a



Love is in the air—and on TV—thanks to a new collection of romantic ballads.

memorable TV commercial featuring the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Visa Check Card.

- "How Do You Talk To An Angel," by The Heights. The song soared much higher than the TV series that spawned it. Trivia tidbit: One member of The Heights, Charlotte Ross, has gone to bigger and better things as Det. Connie McDowell on "NYPD Blue."

Other tunes included on the disc include Dionne Warwick's "I'll Never Love This Way Again," Natalie Cole's "I've Got Love On My Mind" and two '80s smashes: "Tonight, I Celebrate My Love," by Peabo Bryson and Roberta Flack, and Shalamar's "This is For the Lover in You."

TV Guide Presents: Five Decades of Great Love Songs (available from Q Records, which is owned and operated by QVC and distributed through WEA) will be in retail stores nationwide and at tvguide.com on August 13.