

INTRO TO SONG (POEM) *at our 50th Anniversary*

Now I will only take a minute or two of your time, then we can get to the food.

When I would drive home from Local 9 School to Plainfield I would usually play one of the tapes that I had made up. Some times it was rock and roll but many times it was my heart tigger's music.

On this one particular occasion I was listening to one of my favorite songs written by Carlos Santana called Samba Pa Ti. This is a two part song; the 2nd part is upbeat and contains many of Carlos famous riffs. But the 1st part is a haunting love melody which I have always enjoyed.

I thought, wouldn't it be neat to write words to that about my feelings for Carol.

Last year I encountered a Ham radio friend that had written several songs. I thought, at last I have a way to get this done. I had set down some words in preparation for our effort at putting words to Samba Pa Ti. But family illnesses and personal illness on his part kept this from happening.

So now, I would like to just read these words to YOU my LOVE.

My Heart Was Beating Fast

By Mike Heiderscheidt

A Very Long time ago
In many many years past
I met the love of my life
And my heart was beating fast

We went on many fun dates
Chevy Chase was a blast
Then my senior prom too
And my heart was beating fast

The army had to be done
Germany was part of the trip
two years later I was home at last
And my heart was beating fast

On a very hot May day
We pledged our love would last
In a small church far a way
And my heart was beating fast

We had late night rendezvous
Magic Square was not the last
we danced at Embers too
And my heart was beating fast

Vacations in Niagara Falls
Vegas was a blast
Maui on our thirty fifth
And my heart was beating fast

We have shared lots of joy
and some not so good times too
And now
after many years have past
when I hold you in my arms
my heart is STILL beating fast