

The Viewing, Listening and Reading List for *God Only Knows: The Story of Brian Wilson, the Beach Boys & the California Myth* a-o-7-9-2022 8:45 a.m.

The links in this guide are designed help the reader easily find key songs, recordings, performances, interviews and articles specifically referenced in the text.

### **An Overture from Sir Paul McCartney**

God Only Knows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWPo5SC3zik>

### **“Words” By Sir Barry Gibb**

In My Room: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LFRMfImstc>

### **Welcome**

John Cale: Mr. Wilson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlOaRmnDZ58>

Billy Joel: Don't Worry Baby: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zSbHADm32o>

### **My California Myth Begins and Is Renewed**

'Til I Die [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXZ\\_L6zJn1c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXZ_L6zJn1c)

Surf's Up (the 1971 version) <https://youtu.be/v75f5W6LgLM>

### **“All I Know”: An Introduction from Jimmy Webb**

David Crosby, Jimmy Webb and Carly Simon -- In My Room:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKj6309Gx\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKj6309Gx_o)

Vince Gill, David Crosby, Jimmy Webb -- Surf's Up live at Radio City Music Hall, March 29, 2001

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uU-4AkDimt8>

## **The 1978 edition**

### **Chapter 1: Rhapsody in Blue**

Bonnie Lou -- \*TRIBUTE\* -- Two Step - Side Step (1953):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grQzSVo1jS0>

The Beach Boys Their Hearts Were Full of Spring 1966:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPf4\\_WeCMDE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPf4_WeCMDE)

(NOTE: Date of appearance incorrect. Their appearance on the Andy Williams Show was October 22, 1965.)

### **Chapter 2: Five Freshmen**

Kenny and the Cadets + Barbie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjC28ldqvC0>

Bob and Sheri - The Surfer Moon (original 1962):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQ5QcYbfz0>

Surfin' recording session: you can hear Brian producing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjMrJu8i-n4>

The Beach Boys Surfin 1961. Their first commercial release.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jldYAAO7cM>

### **Chapter 3: Let's Go Surfin'**

Surfin' Safari: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrPDLxmfWPM>

### **Chapter 4: If Everybody Had an Ocean**

Surfin' USA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sT8FTWrYG6A>

Jan & Dean Surf City: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERrwiR4ZIfI>

The Lonely Sea: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06B\\_1t6-WKM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06B_1t6-WKM)

In My Room: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LFRMfImstc>

### **Chapter 5: Don't Worry Baby**

The Lord's Prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn6g8uAv0UU>

Don't Worry Baby: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9E1by7PocE>

I Get Around: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3n\\_d64ID5c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3n_d64ID5c)

When I Grow Up (To Be a Man): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcK-en0EAJ0>

Don't Back Down: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5RwqqaazSs>

## **Chapter 6: Please Let Me Wonder**

Please Let Me Wonder <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOQ-tn5OmPQ>

California Girls <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DR2lvcdKSdU>

Guess I'm Dumb <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4L15-lmCyE>

The Little Girl I Once Knew <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7juNXVYtRtc>

Barbara Ann <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzcTlnZx8tE>

## **Chapter 7: Pet Sounds**

*Pet Sounds*, the entire album: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh\\_yhTyae08](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh_yhTyae08)

On the 1997 box set, *The Pet Sounds Sessions*, you can hear the entire album in several different ways, including “vocals only” and “instrumental tracks only.”

Listen to these four “vocals only” versions of key songs from the album, and you get a sense as to the heart and feeling on the record. And why many think of this as almost a Brian Wilson solo album.

Don't Talk (Put Your Head On My Shoulder) [https://youtu.be/kRmxeQ\\_2oTE](https://youtu.be/kRmxeQ_2oTE)

God Only Knows [https://youtu.be/\\_pO1xeRh0Ro](https://youtu.be/_pO1xeRh0Ro) (Carl Wilson lead vocal)

I Just Wasn't Made for These Times <https://youtu.be/K9bcgSHfeOk>

Caroline, No <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcUIFjmnr4g>

## **Chapter 8: Good Vibrations and SMiLE**

Good Vibrations-The Lost Studio Footage <https://youtu.be/uVISVkzbJDA?t=2>

Cabinessence: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOAUroLJnRc>

Vega-Tables: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LECquYcMFUw>

This is an example of the kind of chanting that Brian loved to do with the Beach Boys or with any group he had gathered.

You're Welcome (Sessions/2011 Smile Version):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8zfmLIAi90>

Brian Wilson on the Leonard Bernstein hosted 1967 CBS TV special, "Inside Pop: The Rock Revolution" <https://youtu.be/sTifX3mpnV4>

## **Chapter 9: Heroes, Villains and No Smiles**

Heroes and Villains [https://youtu.be/v3GPRIZw\\_J0](https://youtu.be/v3GPRIZw_J0)

Surf's Up (Brian Wilson Solo, Autumn 1967):  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3TRns\\_zssM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3TRns_zssM)

The Beach Boys "Fire" from The Elements Suite  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTDNiJI1Awo>

Wonderful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSTJJKffsPI>

Wind Chimes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ususRR09u8A>

## **Chapter 10: Beached**

Darlin' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KH9e80tyZQ>

Busy Doin' Nothin' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saQBsEROkFM>

Time To Get Alone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtqICfo27bo>

I Went To Sleep <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-59yjCqtIE>

Break Away <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gqvxiU1spw>

This Whole World <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPe78Fql9ro>

## **Chapter 11: Surf's Up**

'Til I Die [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXZ\\_L6zJn1c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXZ_L6zJn1c)

A Day in the Life of a Tree <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBAhT-dLes>

**Surf's Up (the 1971 version)** <https://youtu.be/v75f5W6LgLM>

Marcella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8HPg1DUreM>

Sail on Sailor <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATVjYH7dURY>

### **Murry Wilson**

I'm Bugged at My Old Man <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nG5lujg3E8>

### **Chapter 12: Endless Summer**

Brian Wilson -- Jim Pewter Interview 1974 (audio only)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=379l\\_T3MRpE&t=13s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=379l_T3MRpE&t=13s)

### **Chapter 13: Brian Is Back**

California Feelin' (Demo) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DJDwD7CvrM>

Brian Wilson -- Mike Douglas -- Full Appearance -- 1976  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPWjB8R9-xk&t=4s>

You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62kqMWccwDY>

The Night Was So Young <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBt7TPM7puk>

Ding Dang <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw3JBwfJP-s>

It's Over Now (piano demo) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vh4c9fJvrao>

Still I Dream of It (demo) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKEsehVPOvM>

Solar System <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlwOouOHqc0>

(While this song is not mentioned in the 1978 edition, it is mentioned in the 2022 update. It's here both as an example of Brian's singing at the time, as well as his interest in astrology and astronomy.)

### **1985 update**

### **Chapter 14: Codetta, 1977-1985**

She's Got Rhythm <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgZs-sWVpPs>

Good Timin' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZactwwLklqc>



The following bootleg recording is included as it's a tape I heard in the early 1980s and includes what, to me were/are great Brian Wilson songs as "works in progress."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4MPwsWTsDE>

50th Presidential Inauguration Ball for President Ronald Reagan (1/19/1985) - Part 2:  
The Beach Boys <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfn2Afflmn8>

Getcha Back [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ywn3Dr\\_luE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ywn3Dr_luE)

### **Requiem for the Beach Boy**

Dennis Wilson's *Pacific Ocean Blue* album is a great album, and one song is included here as an example of his talent and artistic gifts. River Song  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiZoSHVQXm>

### **Chapter 15: Retrospective, 1985**

My Solution, Version 1 (1970) & Version 2 (1980)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6YhT1sj5uc>

### **Shades of Grey**

Wonderful (Version 2 "Rock With Me, Henry"/2011 SMiLE Version):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxNWY1W-0g>

(Note: This isn't exactly what the book refers to, but it is charming enough to be included on this list.)

Can't Wait Too Long <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9vOOqyQGDs>

## **The 2022 Edition**

## **The Author's Note**

Walkin' Down The Path Of Life <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQnIMQ538IA>

## **Chapter 16: 'Til I Die**

Brian Wilson Live '86 (Brian had appeared solo at a benefit in 1985, but this is the first video I could find of him as a "solo" artist in the 1980s). <https://youtu.be/aG9luwmrOAK>

The Buddy Rich rant that Andy Paley refers to. <https://youtu.be/t8-uoTD4fMQ>

*Brian Wilson's First Solo Album*

Melt Away <https://youtu.be/XmgmRS465fE>

Baby Let Your Hair Grow Long <https://youtu.be/MSL75J0pikQ>

There's So Many <https://youtu.be/DiAeZoNFyPk>

Walkin' The Line <https://youtu.be/FsuDXTUJV-A>

Walkin' With My Angel <https://youtu.be/U38b7aDVm5k>

Blue Christmas <https://youtu.be/kYTM-ectV7E>

Surfer Moon <https://youtu.be/XczR89edyBU>

Guess I'm Dumb <https://youtu.be/a83wrXtcggE>

Love and Mercy [https://youtu.be/1k\\_ffl3ZM2s](https://youtu.be/1k_ffl3ZM2s)

Rio Grande <https://youtu.be/irN2QMaXJI4>

The Spirit of Rock and Roll (featuring Bob Dylan) <https://youtu.be/WE8vPvloyJo>

Brian Wilson video from first solo album <https://youtu.be/2y3J46DhoL0>

The Beach Boys induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.  
<https://youtu.be/oZSAQX2uuUY>

Dylan's comment after the Beach Boys induction, 1988 <https://youtu.be/TyqFL9m2odg>

Bad Vibrations + L.A. Times <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1988-06-26-tm-8498-story.html>

The Lost Brian Wilson interview/Bent by Nature KCRW/Date is June 28, 1988  
<https://www.kcrw.com/music/shows/bent-by-nature/brian-wilson>

Brian on *The New Leave It To Beaver*; Brian Wilson + Mr. Hawthorne  
<https://youtu.be/eImp73s3FXM>

Diane Sawyer + Brian Wilson <https://youtu.be/dVP7pNjJd30>

## **CHAPTER 17/Melt Away**

The Don Was film, *I Just Wasn't Made For These Times*  
<https://youtu.be/QNBWmiNygww>

Still I Dream Of It [https://youtu.be/\\_noQOzwvAaE](https://youtu.be/_noQOzwvAaE)

It's Over Now <https://youtu.be/CSaH8yton4E>

Orange Crate Art <https://youtu.be/0qbQcmK72bo>

Still No Vibrations + Washington Post  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/1996/07/03/still-no-vibrations/c23fdf2a-c535-42df-8399-e69c43fa4fff/?tid=ss\\_mail](http://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/1996/07/03/still-no-vibrations/c23fdf2a-c535-42df-8399-e69c43fa4fff/?tid=ss_mail)

Brian Wilson inducts the Bee Gees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame  
<https://youtu.be/VXm7SJCKsks?t=130>

*Imagination* documentary <https://youtu.be/zudwOAzR6ig>

Brian Wilson + George Martin dissects the Beach Boys <https://fb.watch/dYAHmceflk/>

Paul McCartney inducts Brian into the Songwriters Hall of Fame  
<https://youtu.be/LYR327oEdY8>

Paul/Brian perform at Landmine benefit

<https://youtu.be/n5UqaBfolcc> God Only Knows

<https://youtu.be/GcshKIQn1mw> Let It Be

<https://youtu.be/0F7AllHyeCk> Paul talks about singing with Brian

<https://youtu.be/TK51TYP7I5A> Paul talks about the Beach Boys

[https://youtu.be/CxFrIV\\_9c5c](https://youtu.be/CxFrIV_9c5c) News report

A Friend Like You (This song is not available on the internet)

Brian Wilson "Wanderlust" <https://youtu.be/LQQiVT4Y5kE>

### **Chapter 18/Brian Hits The Road!?**

To get a sense of what Brian's early tours were like you can listen to his 2000 release, *Live at the Roxy Theatre*, which includes these two new songs.

This Isn't Love <https://youtu.be/GpMQ3DVfXEo>

The First Time <https://youtu.be/HF-SbCEG7I4>

Here's Brian performing *Pet Sounds* live <https://youtu.be/GpMQ3DVfXEo>

## Chapter 19/The Tribute and the Queen

From 2001's *An All Star Tribute To Brian Wilson* at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Paul Simon sings Surfer Girl <https://youtu.be/sXHsARkfDbw>

David Crosby, Carly Simon and Jimmy Webb sing In My Room  
[https://youtu.be/dKj6309Gx\\_o](https://youtu.be/dKj6309Gx_o)

Darius Rucker and Matthew Sweet sing Sail on Sailor <https://youtu.be/cnZK1zFFyKI>

Wilson Phillips You're So Good To Me <https://youtu.be/jBqoFH6AG4>

Aimee Mann/Michael Penn "I Just Wasn't For These Times"  
<https://youtu.be/2vyy8mi995l>

George Martin + Brian Wilson tribute <https://youtu.be/sJTLu4UiJ7o>

Vince Gill sings The Warmth of the Sun [https://youtu.be/b\\_mHu9uT52k](https://youtu.be/b_mHu9uT52k)

Vince Gill, David Crosby and Jimmy Webb perform "Surf's Up" <https://youtu.be/uU-4AkDimt8>

## Chapter 20/Beautiful Dreams and Beautiful Dreamer

From *Brian Wilson Presents SMiLE*, here's the first track from the studio recording.  
<https://youtu.be/3wWBV3QCbGE> This will then take you through the entire album.

You can find an audio recording of the world premiere from February, 2004 on the web too, but the audio quality isn't ideal.

Brian Wilson and David Leaf on *Charlie Rose* to discuss *Beautiful Dreamer*.  
<https://charlierose.com/videos/10736>

## **Chapter 21/That Lucky Old Sun**

Kennedy Center Honors <https://youtu.be/lr5Pkz7rFKk>

That Lucky Old Sun  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjNDWYGBJDg&list=PLRt2mqRzCrANGYnV5jrEwDnWAgOThmkqD&index=1>

Midnight's Another Day  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ma1HcZMPcl&list=PLRt2mqRzCrANGYnV5jrEwDnWAgOThmkqD&index=14>

A great interview with Brian <https://youtu.be/Tn9nLxUAAmI>

## **Chapter 22/An Epilogue**

Linda Ronstadt "Adios" studio recording <https://youtu.be/GjCqTI2TxRo>

I Get Around/Don't Worry Baby picture sleeve [https://m.media-amazon.com/images/I/81YXFV7mm+L\\_SX522.jpg](https://m.media-amazon.com/images/I/81YXFV7mm+L_SX522.jpg)

Time To Get Alone by Redwood <https://youtu.be/cqBvxvE5SNo>

Bruce's Beach <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-06-28/county-officials-approve-transfer-of-bruces-beach-property>

Eisenhower's "Beware the Military Industrial complex" speech <https://youtu.be/Gg-ivHynP9Y>

*Help Me Murry* tape <https://youtu.be/DATadl9seGc>

Murry Wilson's Poison Pen Letter  
[https://www.theguardian.com/music/2010/jan/07/brian-wilson-murry?CMP=share\\_btn\\_link](https://www.theguardian.com/music/2010/jan/07/brian-wilson-murry?CMP=share_btn_link)

<https://web.archive.org/web/20130209001844/http://www.lettersofnote.com/2009/12/all-i-tried-to-do-was-make-you-all.html>

Good Vibrations + Lost footage <https://youtu.be/uVISVkzbJDA>

God Only Knows + BBC Music <https://youtu.be/XqLTe8h0-jo>