

# Resonance by Steve Grayson

RESONANCE  
 "The pearly lustre of the moon went out;  
 The mossy banks and the meandering paths,  
 The happy flowers and the repining trees,  
 Were seen no more: the very rose's odors  
 Died in the arms of the adoring airs.  
 All—all expired save thee—save less than thou:  
 Save only the divine light in thine eyes."  
 Poe

Could this be the same light that T. Rundgren so touchingly sings of? Could this "divine light" have survived the wrinkles and tears of 150 years and still possess the mystery and exhilaration that Edgar Allan Poe felt so long ago? Yes, though mankind's collective mind has undergone many changes since then, the light Poe saw in Helen's eyes is today just as real, just as important and just as wonderful as it ever was. This is the subject of Todd Rundgren's song "I Saw The Light," the biggest track on his latest album, "Something/Anything?"

Todd Rundgren has hit his stride and put it to music in this versatile double-record set that is original, pleasant and amusing. Though this is just his second solo effort, T. R. is not new to the music scene. While only 17, he engineered "The Band's" highly successful album "Stage Fright," three years ago. Since then Todd Rundgren has mastered the music side of recording also. He also formed and led the group "Nazzy" which had three albums and traveled on the road-show circuit for over a year with the late, great "Spirit." Now he's on his own. "Something/Anything?" is full of catchy songs, five or six of which could stand up as singles. Rundgren is at his best when handling a pretty tune with a light message. This is just what he does in "I Saw the Light" as well as many other "boy likes girl" loveies.

The last side of the set was done live in the studio. It is interesting and makes cutting a re-

cord sound like a party, but the songs are well done once the band gets going.

In a few tracks he indulges in too much self-amusement (Wolfman Jack is a Los Angeles Disc Jockey), but they are spread out so that they don't come up too often. "Somtheng / Anything?" has lots of well-produced music, most of it repeatable and all of it listenable. It is a nice record to have around. "Budget Records and Tapes" provided a copy for analyzation.

## RASPBERRIES

"Raspberries" is the group and its first album. The guys are from Cleveland, Ohio, and are selling the record on the strength of "Go All the Way," the cut which has made the national single charts. I can't help hearing Badfinger in their stuff but perhaps this is due to the kind of music they play rather than similarity of styles. Energetic, melodious rock is the product produced by both "Badfinger" and "Raspberries," and both suffer from the same ailment—cognate songs. After a couple of rounds with the "Raspberries" album, it seems as though I could substitute the words of one tune to the music of three or four others, and the waterbed is still waiting for Dave.

With the exception of two tracks, "Raspberries" is too humdrum to keep the pace started with "Go All the Way." This eager number is basically full of nothing lyrically but has so much horny enthusiasm that it reaches the class of lightweight rock tunes where the energy makes up for the absence of lyrics.

"I Can Remember" is another good one, much more of a production than anything else the album offers. This cut is longish (eight minutes), but never quite drags. The choruses are sweet, the thoughts are surprisingly sensible, and the overall effect is quite pleasant and a little bit intriguing. It's getting some FM play, but surprisingly little. The other interesting song is "Don't want to Say Goodbye," a jingly, slow ditty.



**GEOLOGY TOWER DE-TANKED**—A steel expansion tank around which the Geosciences Building tower was built in 1933 was removed Tuesday. Hot water used in the campus steam heating system was stored in the tank at one time. It was replaced by the power plant system about eight years ago.

## Bulletin Board

A&M Student Civil Liberties Union will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in room 123 of the Academic Building. Interested students are invited to attend.

New Braunfels Hometown Club will hold an organizational meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Bell in the Academic Building.

TAMU Skeet and Trap Club will meet Thursday in the Seminar Room of the Recreation and Parks Building at 7:30 p.m.

Panhandle Area Hometown Club has scheduled an organizational meeting at 8 p.m. in Room 2A of the Memorial Student Center.

Cepheid Variables Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 304 of the Physics Building.

Applications for "Y" Cabinet Aides are now available in Room 102 of the YMCA. Interviews are being conducted every day this week between 1 and 5 p.m. Student "Y" Association members who are interested are urged to sign up. For more information, contact the Association at 845-1626.

The Graduate Student Orientation Program will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 100 of the Chemistry Building.

Free materials of use to new graduate students will be available.

Dean of the Graduate College George W. Kunze, will make a short presentation and hold a question-and-answer session at the meeting.

The Sophomore Council has announced representative openings in the council.

Students interested in representing his or her dorm should leave their name with the dorm president this week. Each dorm's sophomores will elect two representatives for the dorm from those who file.

Girls living off-campus who are interested in belonging to the Sophomore Council should contact Louie Gohmert, 845-1803; Dan Anderson, 845-7277; Jeanine Paletta, 845-5872; or Barbara Buchanan, 823-5750.

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