

PRINCE ALBERT GRAND OLE OPRY # 957

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**AS
BROADCAST**

GRANT: From the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee...the country music capitol of the world...here's the 957th broadcast of your "GRAND OLE OPRY"...starring tonight...JIM REEVES !!

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: JIM REEVES....."BIMBO"

(APPLAUSE)

REEVES: Hi, there, neighbors..We're real happy and proud to be here tonight. We're all set to get another Grand Ole Opry on the road and here's Grant Turner with the starting line-up .

GRANT: And a dandy it is, Jim. Got more talent around here tonight than you can shake a stick at. Our regular...Rod Brasfield...

REEVES: ...along with Cousin Minnie Pearl...Chester Atkins...

GRANT: ...and Del Wood...*Shorty Savender* Tommy Jackson...The Opry Square dancers

REEVES: ...and our very special guest.....JIMMY SKINNER !

(APPLAUSE)

(REEVES OVER)

REEVES: Well...since next week is St. Valentines day...right now I want to introduce that comic Valentine from Hohenwald

ROD BRADFELD !!

(APPLAUSE & PLAY ON)

(ROD)

(APPLAUSE & PLAY OFF)

REEVES: Rod certainly does have a time. Well...now it's about time we brought on our guest. He certainly is no stranger to the Opry, even if he does hail from up around Ohio way. He's a disc jockey...makes records for Mercury...and has lots of other talents. Let's make him welcome...your friend and mine... JIMMY SKINNER !!

(APPLAUSE)

REEVES: Jim...it's a real pleasure to have you here.

SKINNER: Jim...it's a real pleasure to be here. I've got a little song I'd like to sing. I sure hope the folks like it. You might say it was a Valentine song...if you stretch a point. "I Found My Girl In The U. S. A. !"

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: "I FOUND MY GIRL IN THE U.S.A.....JIMMY SKINNER

(APPLAUSE)

(REEVES OVER)

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REEVES: ~~Very nice, Jimmy Skinner. We'll want another from you later
on.~~

ROD: Hey...Mister Reeves...Jim...James.

REEVES: ~~What is it, Red?~~

ROD: Now? Kin I read my poem now?

REEVES: ~~Red... I've changed my mind... I think maybe...~~

ROD: ~~(INTERUPTS) Dag nab it... I give you three dollars to let me read
it an' by grannies...~~

REEVES: (QUICKLY) Okay... Okay. I know I'm gonna hate myself for
this but here's Rod...Valentino...Brasfield and a Valentine Poem.

ROD: (CLEARS THROAT VERY LOUDLY)

Valentine Day is mighty swell

But I guess there is somethin' I oughta tell

My true love ain't Suzzy...now hear what I say...

First comes my pipe packed with good ole P.A.

(STARTS TO LAUGH) That just kills me !

REEVES: I wish it had .

ROD: Don't you get the message? Pretty soon it's Valentine Day...and
like every other Prince Albert smoker, I want folks to know I
Love a pipeful of good P.A.

(REEVES OVER)

REEVES: Always fresh, mild, cool smoking...

ROD: I'll tell the world !

REEVES: Comfortable too...and crimp cut to burn slow and even...

ROD: Greatest relaxation in the world, a fella and his P.A. pipe !

REEVES: And only Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco gives a fella that rich
tasty, natural tobacco flavor.

ROD: ~~It's so beautiful I dunno if I can stand it,~~ You makin' men..
reach for Prince Albert and an O.C.B. paper and bud-dy, you've
got a smooth-lookin', smooth-tastin' smoke !

REEVES: Pipe smcker or makin' man...enjoy the national joy smoke,
America's largest selling smoking tobacco: Prince Albert !

~~ROD: I'm here to tell you you'll love it !~~

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MUSIC: TOMMY JACKSON.....START OF "KATY HILL"...FADE UNDER FOR:

REEVES: Here's Tommy Jackson and all the Grand Ole Opry Square
Dancers and a tune called Katy Hill...so come on...grab your
Valentine and lets dance !

MUSIC: UP FULL...TOMMY JACKSON AND SQUARE DANCERS..."KATY HILL"

(APPLAUSE)

(REEVES OVER)

REEVES: Thank you, Tommy and Square Dancers. Well...next Wednesday really IS Valentine Day...and I want you to do something...just for me. I want you...whoever you are...to go to that loved one and say..."I love you." No matter how hard it is...no matter if you haven't said those words for years...do it. See how good it makes ~~them~~ feel...and you too And anytime you aren't satisfied with the way you've lived...the way you've acted...remember the words of this song...and come evening...when the shadows gather...and the lights are low...look up...and try...An Evening Prayer.

MUSIC: JIM REEVES..."AN EVENING PRAYER"

(APPLAUSE)

GRANT: Wonderful, Jim...wonderful words and thoughts and wonderful singing.

REEVES: Thank you Grant. Now, here's a boy who's a regular feature on The Grand Ole Opry. One of the greatest electric guitarists in the country...Chet Atkins and "The Portuguese Washerwoman !"

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: CHET ATKINS..."THE PORTUGUESE WASHERWOMAN"

(APPLAUSE)

(REEVES OVER)

REEVES: The very best ! Chester Atkins. Well, now...it's time we heard from another Valentine...the girl who doesn't just think about marriage...she just plain WORRIES about it...COUSIN MINNIE PEARL !!

(APPLAUSE & PLAY ON)

(MINNIE)

(APPLAUSE & PLAY OFF)

REEVES: ~~Cousin Minnie...you talk so much about so many things, I swear I don't see how you remember 'em all.~~

MINNIE: ~~It's just that I got talent I guess.~~ But there is one thing I almost forgot !

REEVES: What is it, Minnie?

MINNIE: All you girls ! If you're stuck for a nice present for your fella on Valentine Day...that's next week !...give him Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco ! It's America's largest selling smoking tobacco. !

REEVES: Because it's always fresh, always cool smoking, always comfortable to smoke.

MINNIE: (ASIDE) And the taste...tell 'em about the wonderful taste of P. A.

(REEVES OVER)

REEVES: Nothing like it ! Because only Prince Albert keeps all the fine flavor nature puts in tobacco and then lifts it up...making it richer, tastier, more pleasin' to a fella with a pipe.

MINNIE: (ASIDE) And makin' men?

REEVES: Makin' men can depend on crimp cut Prince Albert to roll smooth, to smoke smooth. Yessir, with Prince Albert and an O.C.B. paper, you've got the makins of a perfect smoke. Minnie...it's a good idea. Pipe smokers and makin' men everywhere will really go for a Valentine gift of Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco !

MUSIC: TAG WITH JINGLE

GRANT: ~~I sure hope somebody in my family follows Minnie's advice.~~

REEVES: ~~P.A. for a gift is a real swell idea.~~ But now it's a good idea if we got Jimmy Skinner back out here for another number...so here he is...to tell us...'What Makes A Man Wonder'

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: JIMMY SKINNER...'WHAT MAKES A MAN WONDER

(APPLAUSE)

(REEVES OVER)

REEVES: Jimmy...thanks a lot. You've been a wonderful guest.

SKINNER: Thanks for havin' me, Jim Reeves.

REEVES: Now here's another "regular" on the Opry...lookin' just as pert and pretty as a lace valentine...that wizzard of the keyboard...
Lovely Del Wood !

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: DEL WOOD....."JUST BECAUSE"

(APPLAUSE)

REEVES: Del Wood and "Just Because." (PAUSE) Well...it's my turn now...so here's a lovely tune that was written for me by my good friend Cindy Walker. I recorded it under the RCA Victor label...it's on all the charts...and somewhere around third on the D.J. charts...for which I'm very grateful.

Here it is...Anna Marie.

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: REEVES...."ANNA MARIE"

(APPLAUSE)

MUSIC: TOMMY JACKSON AND FIDDLE..."SOLDIERS JOY"...FADE UNDER FOR:

(REEVES OVER)

REEVES: Well...that's the whole story for tonight. We're glad you could be with us for The Grand Ole Opry. Be back again next week when Ray Price will be your star and his guest will be Autry Inman. Join us then...And here's one last Valentine thought...a sentence that was engraved inside an old wedding ring. "Be to his virtues very kind...be to his faults...a little blind." Good night...God Bless You...this is Jim Reeves sayin' thanks...from...THE GRAND OLE OPRY !!

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