

Somethin' Smith

"It's A Sin To Tell A Lie"

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Somethin' Smith and the Redheads
Written by Billy Mayhew

- Peaked at # 7 in 1955
- Previously charted in 1935 at # 1 by Fats Waller and # 5 by Victor Young
- Later charted at # 99 in 1964 by Tony Bennett

Be sure it's true when you say "I love you"
It's a sin to tell a lie
Millions of hearts have been broken
Just because these words were spoken

I love you, yes I do, I love you
If you break my heart I'll die
So be sure it's true when you say "I love you"
It's a sin to tell a lie

Cross my heart and I hope to die
I'll never, never, ever tell another white lie
Took a little doll out on a date last night
Next to her, *Gravel Gertie* would have looked all right
Now I'm between the devil and the deep blue sea
'cause I said "Baby, you look good to me"
I told her I loved her but, oh, how I lied
And now she's gettin' set to be my blushin' bride

If she leads me to the altar, then I'm sunk
cause I can't tell the preacher I was drunk
So Lord have mercy on a no 'count sinner
Give me one more chance to let another guy win 'er
Cross my heart and I hope to die
I'll never, never, EVER tell another white lie.

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TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: *Gravel Gertie" was the rather-
ugly wife of B. O. Plenty in the Dick Tracy comic strip.

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