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### "Mrs. Pinocci's Guitar"

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Diane and Billy's been friends forever  
They go back a long time  
They grew up together  
She called to tell us  
He'd written from Rome  
For the whole month of August  
He'd be at home.

So we went to see him  
At her house one evening  
In the place where they'd spent  
All their summers as kids  
We walked all around  
In the small bayside town  
Where his Dad's called the bingo  
For thirty-five years.

And later on that night  
Under the porch light  
Mrs. Pinocci brought her six-string over  
She said she'd been playin' since she turned fifty-  
seven  
And now I guess she's more than twenty years older.

She played Yankee Doodle we sang along with her  
She passed it around and we all played a number  
Neighbors and friends dropped by for the singin'  
And later a guy no one knew came to sit in.

For the moon on the water  
For the light from the stars  
Oh, I thank the spirits  
Whatever they are  
For friendships that last  
And songs from the past  
And Mrs. Pinocci's guitar.

And Mrs. Pinocci's guitar...

