

## Van Dyke Parks

### "Tribute To Spree"

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Steel band man, yes you beatin pan  
But my friend you won't understand  
Has it ever dawned on you  
Who invented pan  
I ask you to join me  
In offerin tribute to this man

Everybody wonderin  
How the steelband start  
When you get to know  
Well, it's gonna break your heart

I tell you now  
It's founded by one Winston Spree  
And this is how  
He started his first melody

Bless the day in 1939  
The genius say he recall to mind  
Saw an old empty oil drum  
Beatin in the storm  
Just before the sky darkened  
You know it was the steel band was born

Everybody wonderin  
How the steelband start  
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Well, it's gonna break your heart

I tell you now  
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And this is how  
He started his first melody

He went along beatin blow by blow  
He thought it sound like a piano  
This really inspired him to a great extent  
So he continued poundin  
Until he found this new instrument

Everybody wonderin

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When you get to know  
Well, it's gonna break your heart

I tell you now  
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And this is how  
He started his first melody

Now the world waiting anxiously  
We strike gold all because of Spree  
But what are we doin now to conserve his name  
We should reimburse him  
And have it placed in the hall of fame

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