



Hey Gang, here's your second song-of-the-month from our May 24 recording session featuring an eight-piece from the normally enormous Panorama Brass Band. This one also includes Mark Rubin on banjo. So you could call it the "Panorama Brass 8+1."

One of our first gigs as we began emerging from the COVID lockdown was for an online series produced by local real estate agency, Latter and Blum, called "At Home" in August, 2020.

Remember, this was way before the vaccine when infection rates and mortality rates were still sky-high. You didn't leave your house without a mask and nobody was thinking about trying to hang out in public.

Anyway, remember our song-of-the-month from way back in September 2016, [Enjoy Yourself?](#) We recorded that one with my brother-in-law, Davis Rogan, sitting in on piano and singing. Plus he and I both wrote new verses and Davis offered a soliloquy concerning the "joie de vivre" of all the New Orleanians in diaspora after Katrina.

In fact, *Enjoy Yourself* is a song that lends itself to extemporaneous rhyming couplets, so I decided to see if I could come up with some new COVID-themed verses for that web-party I mentioned. Day of the gig I sat down with an ink-pen and a blank piece of paper and my first thought was, "this is too hard, I'm no good at writing lyrics." Then I proceeded to actually bang out some rather amusing rhymes!

I've been singing them since we started getting work again and I'd been wanting to record the new verses. This brass band session seemed like the perfect opportunity and, well, here you go. Give it a listen and let me know how it feels.

By the way, you can watch a few videos (and check out my COVID beard) from that Latter and Blum web-gig [HERE](#).

Thanks for all your support, tell two friends about "Good Music For You" and let's make a party, y'all!

Bear

LYRICS

Enjoy Yourself (COVID Edition)

“Hey everybody, this is Ben Schenck from the Panorama BRASS Band here in New Orleans, Louisiana. These are weird and scary times but, you know what? You still gotta enjoy yourself.”

You can't go out, you stuck at home
Just playin' solitaire
Cuz all your work, and all your gigs
Just vanished in thin air
You check your feed, you find a link
To join some friends on Zoom
Then someone puts on Spotify and you
dance
Around the room.
Everybody...

(Chorus)

Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think
Enjoy yourself, while you're still in the
pink
The years go by as quickly as a wink
Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself, it's later
than you think

Aurora! Enjoy yourself!

(Jack: Hey Ben, hey Ben

Ben: wha? Huh?

Jack: Can I smoke on this take?

Ben: Oh yeah, go 'head Jack. Enjoy
yourself)

You work from home and watch the kids
And pull out all your hair
But when it comes to your wardrobe
You're pretty laissez-faire
Your deadline looms, the pressure mounts
You haven't got a prayer
At least you get to do it all
In just your underwear

(Oh, look at y'all, so cute, struttin' around
in your little skimpies)

(Oh yeah Mark, go 'head. Enjoy yourself.)

You're doing great, you're making bank
You're raking in the cash
Cuz right before the virus hit
You bought up all the masks
You'd like to use your newfound wealth
To lend a helping hand
Might I suggest a couple of ways
To support your favorite band, yeah!

(Chorus)

Yaaaaaaaay! Everybody! Enjoy yourself!
Don't worry y'all, we'll get through this.
Maybe even sooner than you think.

CREDITS

Panorama BRASS Band:

Ben Schenck - Clarinet

Aurora Nealand - Alto Saxophone

Jack Pritchett - Trumpet

Nathan Wolman - Trumpet

Colin Myers - Trombone

Mark Rubin - Tenor Banjo

Jimmy Williams - Sousaphone

Boyanna Trayanova - Snare Drum

Chris Davis - Bass Drum

Music by Carl Sigman, with new lyrics by Ben Schenck

Arranged by Ben Schenck (Snack Daddy Music/ASCAP)

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