



# Good ★ OLD DAYS ★ - 40s & 50s Music



## *Afternoon of Nostalgia*

The major genres of music in the 40s included **big band, swing, jazz and patriotic**. In the 1940s a lot happened in many countries around the world. There was war, economic turmoil and, of course, amazing music that still has influences today. The music of the era was classy yet fun.

The 1950's were a time of changes and the music of the decade both reflected the cultural changes that were happening while still holding on to the societal norms of the past. Following the detrimental effects of World War II, the UK was about to embark on a musical journey that would change the face of music for decades to come. Racial tensions were being strained with the beginning of the civil rights movement and music reflected many of those tensions. Rhythm & Blues (R&B) and Rock 'n' Roll popularized "black" music and many African-American musicians rose to prominence and enjoyed success, but while some were able to reap the benefits of their work, many others were forgotten or denied access to audiences through segregation.

This talk is for one hour and includes hits from the United Kingdom and the United States. The big band sounds, the crooners, rock & rollers, country and rhythm & blues.