

GLENN MILLER AND HIS ORCHESTRA

“TOP 10 HITS” 1939-1943



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INTRODUCTION

Glenn Miller and his Orchestra began to achieve notoriety with nationwide radio broadcasts over the NBC Red and Blue networks during June 1938 and December 1938 –January 1939 engagements at the Paradise Restaurant in New York. The band hit it big and jumped onto the national scene with best-selling RCA Bluebird records during 1939 with engagements and national broadcasts from Frank Dailey’s Meadowbrook in the spring and autumn of 1939, the Glen Island Casino in the summer of 1939 and the Café Rouge of the Hotel Pennsylvania in the winter of 1940. By 1940 Glenn Miller had his own “Moonlight Serenade” CBS network commercial series, sponsored by Chesterfield cigarettes. His band toured the Midwest during the summer of 1940 and returned to the Café Rouge in the autumn of 1940. The stage was set for tremendous record sales. Following July 1940 (see below) this report gives a very clear and accurate picture of Miller’s record sales ranking on a weekly basis. Which tunes made it to the Top 10 and how long they remained may surprise some readers, as well as which tunes made it to “number one.” Miller’s most frequent Billboard top 10 tune was “Chattanooga Choo Choo”, with 21 appearances. The most frequent number one tune was “Moonlight Cocktail,” with 10 weeks at #1. Miller’s last #1 tune was “That Old Black Magic” during May 1943, when Miller was serving in the Army. He had disbanded in September 1942 to enlist in the armed forces and made his last recordings for RCA Victor in July 1942.

METHODOLOGY

The Billboard started its national “top 10” best-selling records lists based on national and regional record sales figures in their July 27, 1940 issue with sales for the week ending July 20, 1940. The Source for the information contained in this report from July 20, 1940 onward is *The Billboard* weekly record sales figures. *The Billboard* only reported “radio plays” and “sheet music sales” in its music industry section prior to the July 27, 1940 issue. Information for records was published in the automated machines (juke boxes) section of the magazine but did not provide figures or rankings for individual artists, only record tendencies, such as “up and coming” or “among most played.”

Another source exists to interpolate the pre-*The Billboard* time period, which is the *Your Hit Parade* top weekly records list. This is included following the concrete information tallied from *The Billboard*. The Hit Parade list, however, must be taken with a grain of salt with regard to record sales because instrumentals like “In the Mood” would certainly have sold enough records to make *The Billboard* Top 10 if such a yardstick were available before the week ending July 20, 1940. The *Your Hit Parade* list favors ballads and vocals. Note also that this report is not a compilation of Glenn Miller’s actual record sales across all of the discs that he recorded for RCA Bluebird and Victor records. For reference, a supplement containing the 1939-1940 Sheet Music Index and Radio Plays from *The Billboard* are included but they are not artist-specific. This is another clear indication of the popularity of Miller’s records, particularly the impressive radio plays tally. Only tunes that Miller recorded are included, although the complete sheet music and radio plays lists include many popular tunes that Miller broadcast but did not record for RCA.

1. SUMMARY

The Billboard Top 10 Records

1.	Chattanooga Choo Choo	1	21 weeks	9-5-41/2-6-42
2.	A String of Pearls	1	18 weeks	1-2-42/5-22-42
3.	Kalamazoo	1	17 weeks	7-24-42/11-19-42
4.	Elmer's Tune	1	15 weeks	10-31-41 /2-6-42
5.	Moonlight Cocktail	1	15 weeks	2-13-42/5-22-42
6.	Serenade in Blue	2	15 weeks	9-11-42/12-17-42
7.	Blueberry Hill	2	14 weeks	8-2-40/11-21-40
8.	That Old Black Magic	1	14 weeks	3-4-43/6-3-43
9.	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree	2	13 weeks	4-24-42/7-17-42
10.	Skylark	7	11 weeks	4-24-42/7-3-42
11.	Anvil Chorus	3	10 weeks	1-3-41/3-14-41
12.	The Nearness of You	5	8 weeks	7-27-40/9-27-40
13.	Song of the Volga Boatmen	1	8 weeks	2-14-41/4-3-41
14.	Juke Box Saturday Night	7	8 weeks	12-3-42/1-28-43
15.	Moonlight Becomes You	5	8 weeks	12-10-42/2-25-43
16.	You and I	4	7 weeks	8-29-41/10-10-41
17.	The White Cliffs of Dover	6	7 weeks	12-26-41/2-20-42
18.	Fools Rush In	3	6 weeks	7-20-40/9-6-40
19.	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand	5	6 weeks	7-20-40/8-23-40
20.	A Nightingale Sang in Berkely Square	2	6 weeks	12-12-40/1-17-41
21.	Boogie Woogie Piggy	7	5 weeks	7-25-41/9-19-41
22.	I Dreamt I Dwelt in Harlem	3	4 weeks	3-14-41/4-3-41
23.	Ev'rything I Love	7	4 weeks	1-16-42/2-6-42
24.	Dearly Beloved	5	4 weeks	12-10-42/1-7-43
25.	Imagination	5	3 weeks	7-20-40/8-2-40
26.	Our Love Affair	8	3 weeks	10-31-40/11-21-40
27.	Five O'Clock Whistle	6	3 weeks	1-3-41/1-17-41
28.	Along the Santa Fe Trail	7	3 weeks	1-10-41/1-31-41
29.	Sweet Eloise	8	3 weeks	7-24-42/8-7-42
30.	Jingle Bells	5	2 weeks	12-19-41/12-26-41
31.	When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano	10	1 week	8-23-40
32.	Crosstown	9	1 week	9-27-40
33.	Call of the Canyon	10	1 week	10-31-40
34.	A Handful of Stars	10	1 week	12-27-40
35.	Always in My Heart	10	1 week	5-15-42

The Billboard # 1 Records

1. Moonlight Cocktail
2. Chattanooga Choo Choo
3. Kalamazoo
4. A String of Pearls
5. Song of the Volga Boatmen
6. Elmer's Tune
7. That Old Black Magic

Your Hit Parade Top 10 Records

1.	The Woodpecker Song	1	16 weeks	4-6-40/7-20-40
2.	Wishing (Will Make It So)	1	14 weeks	5-20-39/8-19-39
3.	Careless	1	13 weeks	1-6-40/3-30-40
4.	Over the Rainbow	1	13 weeks	8-26-39/11-18-39
5.	Moon Love	1	12 weeks	7-15-39/10-7-39
6.	When You Wish Upon a Star	1	12 weeks	3-9-40/6-1-40
7.	The Man with the Mandolin	2	10 weeks	8-26-39/11-11-39
8.	My Prayer	2	10 weeks	10-28-39/12-30-39
9.	Blue Orchids	1	9 weeks	10-28-39/12-30-39
10.	Faithful Forever	4	9 weeks	1-6-40/3-2-40
11.	Stairway to the Stars	1	9 weeks	7-1-39/9-9-39
12.	Imagination	1	8 weeks	5-25-40/7-20-40
13.	Say It	2	7 weeks	5-11-40/6-22-40
14.	The Lady's in Love with You	2	6 weeks	6-3-39/7-8-39
15.	Starlit Hour	2	6 weeks	3-9-40/4-13-40
16.	(Why Couldn't It Last) Last Night	7	6 weeks	10-28-39/12-23-39
17.	Devil May Care	6	4 weeks	6-15-40/7-13-40
18.	Fools Rush In	1	2 weeks	6-29-40/7-20-40
19.	Moonlight Serenade	6	2 weeks	9-30-39/10-14-39
20.	Speaking of Heaven	8	2 weeks	12-9-39/12-30-39
21.	This Changing World	10	2 weeks	1-27-40/2-3-40
22.	Shake Down the Stars	4	2 weeks	6-8-40/6-15-40
23.	I'm Stepping Out with a Memory Tonight	10	1 week	7-20-40
24.	In the Mood	9	1 week	2-3-40

Your Hit Parade # 1 Records

1. Over the Rainbow
2. The Woodpecker Song
3. Careless
4. When You Wish Upon a Star
5. Moon Love
6. Stairway to the Stars
7. Wishing (Will Make It So)
8. Imagination
9. Blue Orchids
10. Fools Rush In

TOTALS

Glenn Miller had 35 Billboard and 24 Hit Parade Top 10 Records, for a total of 59.

Glenn Miller had 7 Billboard and 10 Hit Parade #1 Records, for a total of 17.

2. The Billboard Top 10 Records, 1940-1943

*The Billboard started its Top 10 National and **Regional** Best-Selling List by Artist for the week ending July 20, 1940. This is the source for information from July 20, 1940 onward.*

(#)	(In Order of Appearance)	(High)	(# of weeks)	(First/Last week)
<u>1940</u> (11)				
1.	Imagination	5	3 weeks	7-20-40/8-2-40
2.	Fools Rush In	3	6 weeks	7-20-40/9-6-40
3.	The Nearness of You	5	8 weeks	7-27-40/9-27-40
4.	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand	5	6 weeks	7-20-40/8-23-40
5.	Blueberry Hill	2	14 weeks	8-2-40/11-21-40
6.	When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano	10	1 week	8-23-40
7.	Crosstown	9	1 week	9-27-40
8.	Our Love Affair	8	3 weeks	10-31-40/11-21-40
9.	Call of the Canyon	10	1 week	10-31-40
10.	A Nightingale Sang in Berkely Square	2	6 weeks	12-12-40/1-17-41
11.	A Handful of Stars	10	1 week	12-27-40
<u>1941</u> (11)				
1.	Five O'Clock Whistle	6	3 weeks	1-3-41/1-17-41
2.	Anvil Chorus	3	10 weeks	1-3-41/3-14-41
3.	Along the Santa Fe Trail	7	3 weeks	1-10-41/1-31-41
4.	Song of the Volga Boatmen	1	8 weeks	2-14-41/4-3-41
5.	I Dreamt I Dwelt in Harlem	3	4 weeks	3-14-41/4-3-41
6.	Boogie Woogie Piggy	7	5 weeks	7-25-41/9-19-41
7.	You and I	4	7 weeks	8-29-41/10-10-41
8.	Chattanooga Choo Choo	1	21 weeks	9-5-41/2-6-42
9.	Elmer's Tune	1	15 weeks	10-31-41 /2-6-42
10.	Jingle Bells	5	2 weeks	12-19-41/12-26-41
11.	The White Cliffs of Dover	6	7 weeks	12-26-41/2-20-42

1942 (12)

1.	A String of Pearls	1	18 weeks	1-2-42/5-22-42
2.	Ev'rything I Love	7	4 weeks	1-16-42/2-6-42
3.	Moonlight Cocktail	1	15 weeks	2-13-42/5-22-42
4.	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree	2	13 weeks	4-24-42/7-17-42
5.	Skylark	7	11 weeks	4-24-42/7-3-42
6.	Always in My Heart	10	1 week	5-15-42
7.	Kalamazoo	1	17 weeks	7-24-42/11-19-42
8.	Sweet Eloise	8	3 weeks	7-24-42/8-7-42
9.	Serenade in Blue	2	15 weeks	9-11-42/12-17-42
10.	Juke Box Saturday Night	7	8 weeks	12-3-42/1-28-43
11.	Dearly Beloved	5	4 weeks	12-10-42/1-7-43
12.	Moonlight Becomes You	5	8 weeks	12-10-42/2-25-43

1943 (1)

1.	That Old Black Magic	1	14 weeks	3-4-43/6-3-43
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3. The Billboard #1 Records, 1940-1943

1941 (3)

1.	Song of the Volga Boatmen	1 week	3-7-41
2.	Chattanooga Choo Choo	9 weeks	11-21-41/1-23-42
3.	Elmer's Tune	1 week	12-12-41

1942 (3)

1.	A String of Pearls	2 weeks	1-30-42/2-13-42
2.	Moonlight Cocktail	10 weeks	2-20-42/4-24-42
3.	Kalamazoo	7 weeks	9-4-42/10-16-42

1943 (1)

1.	That Old Black Magic	1 week	5-20-43
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4. The Billboard Chronology, 1940-1943

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1940

7-20-40	3	Fools Rush In
	5	Imagination
	7	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand
7-27-40	3	Fools Rush In
	4	Imagination
	6	The Nearness of You
	9	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand
8-2-40	3	Fools Rush In
	5	The Nearness of You
	6	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand
	8	Imagination
	10	Blueberry Hill
8-9-40	3	Fools Rush In
	7	The Nearness of You
	10	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand
8-16-40	3	Fools Rush In
	6	Blueberry Hill
	9	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand
8-23-40	5	Pennsylvania Six-Five Thousand
	8	The Nearness of You
	10	When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano
8-30-40	2	Blueberry Hill
	5	The Nearness of You
	9	Fools Rush In
9-6-40	2	Blueberry Hill
	7	The Nearness of You
	8	Fools Rush In
9-13-40	2	Blueberry Hill
	5	The Nearness of You
9-20-40	2	Blueberry Hill
	7	The Nearness of You
9-27-40	3	Blueberry Hill
	9	Crosstown
10-3-40	4	Blueberry Hill
10-10-40	3	Blueberry Hill
10-17-40	5	Blueberry Hill
10-24-40	8	Blueberry Hill

10-31-40	7	Blueberry Hill
	9	Our Love Affair
	10	Call of the Canyon
11-7-40	-	(none)
11-14-40	3	Blueberry Hill
	8	Our Love Affair
11-21-40	7	Blueberry Hill
	9	Our Love Affair
11-29-40	-	(none)
12-5-40	-	(none)
12-12-40	5	A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
12-19-40	2	A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
12-26-40	3	A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
	10	A Handful of Stars

1941

1-3-41	3	A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
	6	Five O'Clock Whistle
	8	Anvil Chorus
1-10-41	3	A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
	7	Along the Santa Fe Trail
	8	Five O'Clock Whistle
1-17-41	5	Anvil Chorus
	6	A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
	9	Five O'Clock Whistle
1-24-41	5	Anvil Chorus
	9	Along the Santa Fe Trail
1-31-41	3	Anvil Chorus
	8	Along the Santa Fe Trail
2-7-41	4	Anvil Chorus
2-14-41	4	Anvil Chorus
	9	Song of the Volga Boatmen
2-21-41	8	Song of the Volga Boatmen
	9	Anvil Chorus
2-28-41	4	Song of the Volga Boatmen
	9	Anvil Chorus
3-7-41	1	Song of the Volga Boatmen
	4	Anvil Chorus
3-14-41	4	Song of the Volga Boatmen
	8	Anvil Chorus
	10	I Dreamt I Dwelt in Harlem
3-21-41	2	Song of the Volga Boatmen

	6	I Dreamt I Dwelt in Harlem
3-28-41	3	I Dreamt I Dwelt in Harlem
	5	Song of the Volga Boatmen
4-4-41	4	Song of the Volga Boatmen
	8	I Dreamt I Dwelt in Harlem
4-11-41	-	(none)
4-18-41	-	(none)
4-25-41	-	(none)
5-2-41	-	(none)
5-9-41	-	(none)
5-16-41	-	(none)
5-23-41	-	(none)
5-30-41	-	(none)
6-6-41	-	(none)
6-13-41	-	(none)
6-20-41	-	(none)
6-27-41	-	(none)
7-4-41	-	(none)
7-11-41	-	(none)
7-18-41	-	(none)
7-25-41	8	Boogie Woogie Piggy
8-1-41	-	(none)
8-8-41	7	Boogie Woogie Piggy
8-15-41	-	(none)
8-22-41	9	Boogie Woogie Piggy
8-29-41	4	You and I
	9	Boogie Woogie Piggy
9-5-41	6	You and I
	9	Chattanooga Choo Choo
9-12-41	6	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	8	You and I
9-19-41	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	8	You and I
	9	Boogie Woogie Piggy
9-26-41	3	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	9	You and I
10-3-41	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	6	You and I
10-10-41	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	9	You and I
10-17-41	3	Chattanooga Choo Choo
10-24-41	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
10-31-41	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	4	Elmer's Tune

11-7-41	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	3	Elmer's Tune
11-14-41	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	4	Elmer's Tune
11-21-41	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	3	Elmer's Tune
11-28-41	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	3	Elmer's Tune
12-5-41	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	2	Elmer's Tune
12-12-41	1	Elmer's Tune
	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
12-19-41	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	2	Elmer's Tune
	5	Jingle Bells
12-26-41	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	2	Elmer's Tune
	5	Jingle Bells
	10	The White Cliffs of Dover

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1-2-42	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	2	Elmer's Tune
	9	A String of Pearls
1-9-42	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	2	Elmer's Tune
	9	The White Cliffs of Dover
1-16-42	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	2	Elmer's Tune
	6	The White Cliffs of Dover
	9	Ev'rything I Love
	10	A String of Pearls
1-23-42	1	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	3	A String of Pearls
	4	Elmer's Tune
	8	Ev'rything I Love
	9	The White Cliffs of Dover
1-30-42	1	A String of Pearls
	2	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	8	Elmer's Tune
	10	Ev'rything I Love

2-6-42	2	A String of Pearls
	6	Chattanooga Choo Choo
	7	Ev'rything I Love
	8	The White Cliffs of Dover
	9	Elmer's Tune
2-13-42	1	A String of Pearls
	5	Moonlight Cocktail
	10	The White Cliffs of Dover
2-20-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	2	A String of Pearls
	9	The White Cliffs of Dover
2-27-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	2	A String of Pearls
3-6-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	5	A String of Pearls
3-13-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	2	A String of Pearls
3-20-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	3	A String of Pearls
3-27-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	3	A String of Pearls
4-3-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	3	A String of Pearls
4-10-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	4	A String of Pearls
4-17-42	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	6	A String of Pearls
4-24-41	1	Moonlight Cocktail
	6	A String of Pearls
	8	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	10	Skylark
5-1-42	4	Moonlight Cocktial
	5	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	7	Skylark
5-8-42	3	Moonlight Cocktail
	5	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	8	Skylark
	9	A String of Pearls
5-15-42	3	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	7	Moonlight Cocktail
	8	Skylark
	10	Always in My Heart

5-22-42	3	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	7	Skylark
	8	Moonlight Cocktail
	9	A String of Pearls
5-29-42	2	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	8	Skylark
6-5-42	2	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	10	Skylark
6-12-42	4	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	7	Skylark
6-19-42	4	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	8	Skylark
6-26-42	6	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	8	Skylark
7-3-42	6	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
	10	Skylark
7-10-42	7	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
7-17-42	7	Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
7-24-42	7	Kalamazoo
	10	Sweet Eloise
7-31-42	4	Kalamazoo
	9	Sweet Eloise
8-7-42	3	Kalamazoo
	8	Sweet Eloise
8-14-42	4	Kalamazoo
8-21-42	2	Kalamazoo
8-28-42	3	Kalamazoo
9-4-42	1	Kalamazoo
9-11-42	1	Kalamazoo
	8	Serenade in Blue
9-18-42	1	Kalamazoo
	7	Serenade in Blue
9-25-42	1	Kalamazoo
	7	Serenade in Blue
10-2-42	1	Kalamazoo
	2	Serenade in Blue
10-9-42	1	Kalamazoo
	5	Serenade in Blue
10-16-42	1	Kalamazoo
	4	Serenade in Blue
10-23-42	3	Kalamazoo
	4	Serenade in Blue
10-29-42	3	Serenade in Blue
	4	Kalamazoo

11-5-42	4	Kalamazoo
	5	Serenade in Blue
11-12-42	3	Serenade in Blue
	6	Kalamazoo
11-19-42	3	Serenade in Blue
	7	Kalamazoo
11-26-42	3	Serenade in Blue
12-3-42	4	Serenade in Blue
	9	Juke Box Saturday Night
12-10-42	6	Dearly Beloved
	7	Serenade in Blue
	8	Juke Box Saturday Night
	10	Moonlight Becomes You
12-17-42	7	Juke Box Saturday Night
	8	Serenade in Blue
12-24-42	5	Dearly Beloved
	7	Juke Box Saturday Night
	9	Moonlight Becomes You
12-31-42	6	Dearly Beloved
	8	Juke Box Saturday Night

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1-7-43	8	Dearly Beloved
	10	Juke Box Saturday Night
1-14-43	7	Moonlight Becomes You
	9	Juke Box Saturday Night
1-21-43	5	Moonlight Becomes You
1-28-43	7	Moonlight Becomes You
	10	Juke Box Saturday Night
2-4-43	-	(none)
2-11-43	9	Moonlight Becomes You
2-18-43	9	Moonlight Becomes You
2-25-43	10	Moonlight Becomes You
3-4-43	7	That Old Black Magic
3-11-43	5	That Old Black Magic
3-18-43	3	That Old Black Magic
3-25-43	4	That Old Black Magic
4-1-43	5	That Old Black Magic
4-8-43	3	That Old Black Magic
4-15-43	4	That Old Black Magic
4-22-43	3	That Old Black Magic
4-29-43	2	That Old Black Magic
5-6-43	2	That Old Black Magic

5-13-43	3	That Old Black Magic
5-20-43	1	That Old Black Magic
5-27-43	5	That Old Black Magic
6-3-43	7	That Old Black Magic
6-10-43	-	(none)
6-17-43	-	(none)

This ends the weeks covering Glenn Miller 78rpm record releases contemporaneous or consistent with Miller's career. There would be subsequent best-selling Miller releases on 78rpm, 45rpm and 33rpm singles and albums after his career, military service and untimely death.

GLENN MILLER
ORCHESTRA

CHESTERFIELD CIGARETTES
VICTOR BLUEBIRD RECORDINGS

May 11th
1940

To America's
College Students

Please accept the sincere thanks of my
entire organization and of course my con-
heartfelt appreciation for voting us your
favorite orchestra.

We consider it a signal honor.

We're going to try in the future as we
always have in the past to play the kind
of music you like.

Till we get into your neighborhood and
have the opportunity to meet many of you
in person, we hope you'll continue to
tune in on our Chesterfield broadcasts.

And if you get a chance, we'd like you to
hear our latest Victor Bluebird releases.

In the meantime, thanks again.

Sincerely



GLENN MILLER

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The Billboard, May 11, 1940

5. Your Hit Parade Top 10 Records, 1939-1940

The first Glenn Miller records appeared on the Hit Parade singles charts for May 20, 1939

(#)	(In Order of Appearance)	(High)	(# of weeks)	(First/Last week)
<u>1939</u> (11)				
1.	Wishing (Will Make It So)	1	14 weeks	5-20-39/8-19-39
2.	The Lady's in Love with You	2	6 weeks	6-3-39/7-8-39
3.	Stairway to the Stars	1	9 weeks	7-1-39/9-9-39
4.	Moon Love	1	12 weeks	7-15-39/10-7-39
5.	Over the Rainbow	1	13 weeks	8-26-39/11-18-39
6.	The Man with the Mandolin	2	10 weeks	8-26-39/11-11-39
7.	Moonlight Serenade	6	2 weeks	9-30-39/10-14-39
8.	My Prayer	2	14 weeks	10-28-39/1-27-40
9.	Blue Orchids	1	9 weeks	10-28-39/12-30-39
10.	(Why Couldn't It Last) Last Night	7	6 weeks	10-28-39/12-23-39
11.	Speaking of Heaven	8	2 weeks	12-9-39/12-30-39
<u>1940</u> (13)				
1.	Faithful Forever	4	9 weeks	1-6-40/3-2-40
2.	Careless	1	13 weeks	1-6-40/3-30-40
3.	This Changing World	10	2 weeks	1-27-40/2-3-40
4.	In the Mood	9	1 week	2-3-40
5.	Starlit Hour	2	6 weeks	3-9-40/4-13-40
6.	When You Wish Upon a Star	1	12 weeks	3-9-40/6-1-40
7.	The Woodpecker Song	1	16 weeks	4-6-40/7-20-40
8.	Say It	2	7 weeks	5-11-40/6-22-40
9.	Imagination	1	8 weeks	5-25-40/7-20-40
10.	Shake Down the Stars	4	2 weeks	6-8-40/6-15-40
11.	Devil May Care	6	4 weeks	6-15-40/7-13-40
12.	Fools Rush In	1	2 weeks	6-29-40/7-20-40
13.	I'm Stepping Out with a Memory Tonight	10	1 week	7-20-40

6. Your Hit Parade #1 Records, 1939-1940

1939 (5)

1.	Wishing (Will Make It So)	4 weeks	6-17-39/7-8-39
2.	Over the Rainbow	7 weeks	9-9-39/10-28-39
3.	Moon Love	4 weeks	8-12-39/9-2-39
4.	Stairway to the Stars	4 weeks	7-15-39/8-5-39
5.	Blue Orchids	2 weeks	11-4-39/11-25-39

1940 (5)

1.	The Woodpecker Song	7 weeks	5-4-40/6-15-40
2.	Careless	5 weeks	2-3-40/3-23-40
3.	When You Wish Upon a Star	5 weeks	3-30-40/4-27-40
4.	Imagination	3 weeks	6-22-40/7-13-40
5.	Fools Rush In	1 week	7-20-40

7. Your Hit Parade Chronology, 1939-1940

1939

5-20-39	7	Wishing (Will Make It So)
5-20-39	3	Wishing (Will Make It So)
6-3-39	4	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	7	The Lady's in Love with You
6-10-39	2	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	4	The Lady's in Love with You
6-17-39	1	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	3	The Lady's in Love with You
6-24-39	1	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	6	The Lady's in Love with You
	10	Stairway to The Stars
7-1-39	1	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	2	The Lady's in Love with You
	5	Stairway to The Stars
7-8-39	1	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	3	Stairway to The Stars
	3	The Lady's in Love with You
7-15-39	1	Stairway to The Stars
	3	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	5	Moon Love
7-22-39	1	Stairway to The Stars
	4	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	5	Moon Love
	8	The Lady's in Love with You
7-29-39	1	Stairway to The Stars
	3	Moon Love
	5	Wishing (Will Make It So)
	10	The Lady's in Love with You
8-5-39	1	Stairway to The Stars
	4	Moon Love
	7	Wishing (Will Make It So)
8-12-39	1	Moon Love
	2	Stairway to The Stars
	7	Wishing (Will Make It So)
8-19-39	1	Moon Love
	2	Stairway to The Stars
	9	Wishing (Will Make It So)

8-26-39	1	Moon Love
	2	Stairway to The Stars
	7	Over The Rainbow
	10	The Man with The Mandolin
9-2-39	1	Moon Love
	2	Over The Rainbow
	6	Stairway to The Stars
9-9-39	1	Over The Rainbow
	2	Moon Love
	6	Stairway to The Stars
9-16-39	1	Over The Rainbow
	2	Moon Love
9-23-39	4	The Man with The Mandolin
	1	Over The Rainbow
	3	Moon Love
9-30-39	9	The Man with The Mandolin
	1	Over The Rainbow
	3	The Man with The Mandolin
10-7-39	8	Moonlight Serenade
	1	Over The Rainbow
	3	The Man with The Mandolin
10-14-39	10	Moon Love
	1	Over The Rainbow
	4	The Man with The Mandolin
10-21-39	6	Moonlight Serenade
	2	The Man with The Mandolin
	3	Over The Rainbow
10-28-39	1	Over The Rainbow
	4	The Man with The Mandolin
	5	Blue Orchids
	6	My Prayer
	8	Last Night
11-4-39	1	Blue Orchids
	3	Over The Rainbow
	5	The Man with The Mandolin
	7	My Prayer
11-11-39	3	Blue Orchids
	4	My Prayer
	7	The Man with The Mandolin
11-18-39	10	Over The Rainbow
	3	My Prayer
	5	Blue Orchids
	7	Last Night
	9	Over The Rainbow

11-25-39	1	Blue Orchids
	2	My Prayer
	6	Last Night
	9	Over the Rainbow
12-2-39	3	My Prayer
	5	Last Night
	7	Blue Orchids
12-9-39	3	My Prayer
	5	Blue Orchids
	8	Speaking of Heaven
12-16-39	3	My Prayer
	5	Last Night
	10	Blue Orchids
12-23-39	6	My Prayer
	7	Last Night
12-30-39	2	My Prayer
	8	Blue Orchids
	9	Speaking of Heaven

1940

1-6-40	3	My Prayer
	4	Faithful Forever
	10	Careless
1-13-40	5	Faithful Forever
	6	Careless
	8	My Prayer
1-20-40	3	Careless
	5	Faithful Forever
	9	My Prayer
1-27-40	2	Careless
	4	Faithful Forever
	9	My Prayer
	10	This Changing World
2-3-40	1	Careless
	4	Faithful Forever
	8	This Changing World
	9	In the Mood
2-10-40	2	Careless
	4	Faithful Forever
2-17-40	1	Careless
	4	Faithful Forever
2-24-40	2	Careless
	8	Faithful Forever

3-2-40	1	Careless
	9	Faithful Forever
3-9-40	1	Careless
	4	Starlit Hout
	9	When You Wish Upon a Star
3-16-40	6	Starlit Hour
	7	Careless
3-23-40	1	Careless
	3	Starlit Hour
	7	When You Wish Upon a Star
3-30-40	1	When You Wish Upon a Star
	3	Starlit Hour
	8	Careless
4-6-40	1	When You Wish Upon a Star
	2	Starlit Hour
	3	The Woodpecker Song
4-13-40	1	When You Wish Upon a Star
	2	The Woodpecker Song
	5	Starlit Hour
4-20-40	1	When You Wish Upon a Star
	4	The Woodpecker Song
4-27-40	1	When You Wish Upon a Star
	2	The Woodpecker Song
5-4-40	1	The Woodpecker Song
	2	When You Wish Upon a Star
5-11-40	1	The Woodpecker Song
	3	When You Wish Upon a Star
	6	Say It
5-18-40	1	The Woodpecker Song
	5	When You Wish Upon a Star
	9	Say It
5-25-40	1	The Woodpecker Song
	2	Imagination
	3	When You Wish Upon a Star
	5	Say It
6-1-40	1	The Woodpecker Song
	2	Say It
	4	Imagination
	8	When You Wish Upon a Star
6-8-40	1	The Woodpecker Song
	2	Say It
	4	Shake Down the Stars
	5	Imagination

6-15-40	1	The Woodpecker Song
	2	Imagination
	3	Say It
	5	Shake Down the Stars
	6	Devil May Care
	6-22-40	1
6-29-40	4	Say It
	5	The Woodpecker Song
	3	Imagination
	4	The Woodpecker Song
	5	Fools Rush In
7-6-40	9	Devil May Care
	1	Imagination
	2	The Woodpecker Song
	10	Devil May Care
7-13-40	1	Imagination
	3	The Woodpecker Song
	10	Devil May Care
7-20-40	1	Fools Rush In
	6	The Woodpecker Song
	8	Imagination
	10	I'm Stepping Out with a Memory Tonight

8. **The Billboard 1939-1943 Supplement**

The following is a summary of 1939 and 1940 Radio Plays (or Plugs) and Sheet Music top 10. The weekly lists are not artist specific but all of the tunes were recorded by Glenn Miller and it can be inferred with some reliability that most or all of the following were Miller's. Tunes ranked as number one in any given week are noted as (1). This supplemental information demonstrates Miller's strong reach with many more popular records than evident in *The Billboard* and *Your Hit Parade* top 10 lists.

The Billboard Sheet Music Rankings

1939 (17)

Over the Rainbow (1)

Oh! Johnny Oh! (1)

Sunrise Serenade (1)

And the Angles Sing

Blue Orchids

Cinderella (Stay in My Arms)

The Lamp Is Low

(Why Couldn't It Last) Last Night

The Man with the Mandolin

Moon Love

Moonlight Serenade

My Prayer

Oh! You Crazy Moon

Stairway to the Stars

Wishing (Will Make It So)

Three Little Fishes

To You

1940 (30)

Blueberry Hill (1)
Careless (1)
Fools Rush In (1)
I'll Never Smile Again (1)
Indian Summer (1)
In an Old Dutch Garden (1)
When You Wish Upon a Star (1)
The Woodpecker Song (1)

Alice Blue Gown
Along the Santa Fe Trail
Bluebirds in the Moonlight
Call of the Canyon
Crosstown
Devil May Care
Faithful Forever
Frenesi
The Gaucho Serenade
Imagination
I'm Stepping Out with a Memory Tonight
It's a Blue World
A Million Dreams Ago
The Nearness of You
A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
Say Si Si
Shake Down the Stars
Sierra Sue
Starlit Hour
Too Romantic
Tuedo Junction
When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano
You've Got Me This Way

1941 (11)

Elmer's Tune (1)
Chattanooga Choo Choo (1)
The White Cliffs of Dover (1)

Boogie Woogie Piggy
Ev'rything I Love
I Do, Do You (Believe in Love)
I Guess I'll Have to Dream the Rest
I Know Why (and So Do You)
This is No Laughing Matter
Yes, My Darling Daughter
You and I

1942 (15)

Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree (1)
Moonlight Becomes You (1)
Moonlight Cocktail (1)

Always in My Heart
At Last
The Couple in the Castle
Day Dreaming
Dear Mom
Dearly Beloved
I'm Old Fashioned
Kalamazoo
Serenade in Blue
She'll Always Remember
Skylark
A String of Pearls

1943 (2)

Moonlight Mood
That Old Black Magic

The Billboard Radio Plays (Plugs) Rankings

1939 (32)

Blue Orchids (1)
The Lady's in Love with You (1)
(Why Couldn't It Last) Last Night (1)
Moonlight Serenade (1)
Oh! You Crazy Moon (1)
Over the Rainbow (1)
Stairway to the Stars (1)
To You (1)
Wishing (Will Make It So) (1)

And the Angles Sing
Ain't Cha Comin' Out?
Baby Me
Blue Evening
Bluebirds in the Moonlight
Cinderella (Stay in My Arms)
Ciribiribin
Ding, Dong The Witch Is Dead
In an Old Dutch Garden
In the Mood
The Lamp is Low
Little Brown Jug
The Little Man Who Wasn't There
The Man with the Mandolin
Melancholy Lullaby
Moon Love
My Last Goodbye
My Prayer
Oh! Johnny Oh!
Rendezvous Time in Paree
Speaking of Heaven
Sunrise Serenade
Three Little Fishes

1940 (54)

Careless (1)
Faithful Forever (1)
Fools Rush In (1)
Frenesi (1)
Imagination (1)
I'm Stepping Out with a Memory Tonight (1)
It's a Blue World (1)
Say It (1)
Sierra Sue (1)
This Changing World (1)
Too Romantic (1)
When You Wish Upon a Star (1)
The Woodpecker Song (1)

Alice Blue Gown
Along the Santa Fe Trail
April Played the Fiddle
Blueberry Hill
Call of the Canyon
Crosstown
Danny Boy (Londonderry Air)
Devil May Care
Do You Know Why?
Faithful to You
Five O'Clock Whistle
Gaucho Serenade
Give a Little Whistle
Hear My Song, Violetta
I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire
I'd Know You Anywhere
I'll Never Smile Again
A Million Dreams Ago
Indian Summer
Mister Meadowlark
Moments in the Moonlight
My, My
The Nearness of You
A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square
Ooh! What You Said
On a Little Street in Singapore
Our Love Affair
Pennsylvanis Six-Five Thousand

Polka Dots and Moonbeams
Say Si Si
Shadows on the Sand
The Sky Fell Down
Shake Down the Stars
Starlit Hour
Sweet Potato Piper
Tuxedo Junction
What's the Matter with Me?
When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano
Yesterthoughts
Yours is My Heart Alone
You've Got Me This Way

As of January 25, 1941, *The Billboard* discontinued the radio plays list because of the ASCAP and ASCAP-licensed music dispute with the radio industry. The list was resumed on February 22, 1941.

1941 (30)

Elmer's Tune (1)
Jingle Bells (1)
This is No Laughing Matter (1)
The White Cliffs of Dover (1)

The Angels Came Through
Baby Mine
Below the Equator
Boogie Woogie Piggy
Chapel in the Valley
Chattanooga Choo Choo
Cowboy Serenade
Day Dreaming
Delilah
Don't Cry, Cherie
Ev'rything I Love
Falling Leaves
From One Love to Another
Humpty Dumpty Heart
Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider
I Do, Do You (Believe in Love)
I Guess I'll Have to Dream the Rest
I Know Why (and So Do You)
Ma Ma Maria

Orange Blossom Lane
Perfidia
Slumber Song
Star Dust
The One I Love
This Time the Dream's On Me
You and I
You Stepped Out of a Dream

1942 (26)

Always in My Heart (1)
At Last (1)
Dearly Beloved (1)
Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree (1)
Happy in Love (1)
Kalamazoo (1)
Skylark (1)

Angels of Mercy
Conquita, Marqueta, Lolita, Pepita, Rosita, Juanita Lopez
The Couple in the Castle
Day Dreaming
Dear Mom
Fooled
The Humming Bird
I'm Old Fashioned
The Lamplighter's Serenade
Moonlight Becomes You
Moonlight Cocktail
Serenade in Blue
She'll Always Remember
Shh! It's A Military Secret
The Story of a Starry Night
A String of Pearls
Sweet Eloise
When the Roses Bloom Again
Yesterday's Gardenias

1943 (2)

Moonlight Mood (1)
That Old Black Magic (1)

