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Do you miss the rains down in Africa?

I guess you think that's a strange title for an article about LINK, but some of you will have spotted that it's a line from a song called "Africa" released by a group called "Toto" in 1982. I think it comes in the musical genre of "soft rock" and according to the music streaming site Spotify it's been one of the most popular songs people listened to in the first 6 months or so of 2020. Having sung with a Corsham group called "Afternoon Rocks" for a couple of years, it's one of my favourites from the repertoire, with our choir leader Catherine counting out for us the number of times we sing a version of that phrase at the end of the piece so that we didn't sing it too many or too few times.

Other favourites from Spotify are "Mr Blue Sky" by ELO (now Jeff Lynn's ELO), Fleetwood Mac's "Go your own way", "Here comes the sun" by the Beatles, Queen's "Don't stop me now", "Wonderwall" by Oasis and a number of other titles that anyone born after 1990 wouldn't recognise.

Apparently, the reason for this nostalgia comes from people harking back to a simpler, happier time and in particular a time without coronavirus. All of the titles above are in Spotify's top 200 and certainly bring back memories for me, in particular of a night in the summer of 2017 at Wembley Stadium as a 70th birthday present listening to ELO and singing along.

On LINK journeys I never used to have the radio on in the car, not wanting to inflict my choice of music on anyone else and giving our clients the chance to talk or travel in companionable silence. Sometimes talking would at least for 20 or 30 minutes relieve the tension of whatever the particular client might have to face at the surgery or hospital. We're starting to get busier again so anyone who can spare the time to volunteer would be most welcome. **Just call us on 07970 617617.**