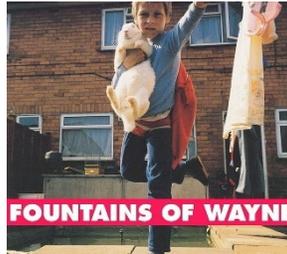


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MEXICAN WINE



Since May’s wine tasting theme is wines from Mexico, what could be more appropriate than a song titled “**Mexican Wine**”. The song was released on the 2003 album Welcome Interstate Managers by **Fountains of Wayne**. The song is a tongue in cheek view of death and endings. The chorus however always reminds us that the sun still shines in the summertime, regardless of what happens. Here is an excerpt from an article in Fader about this song and Fountains of Wayne.

“For now I’m going with “Mexican Wine,” the first song on Fountains of Wayne’s 2003 LP Welcome Interstate Managers. The album itself is a wry, witty, gloriously melodic look at suburbia’s desires and banalities that should have turned them into superstars. And “Mexican Wine,” which treats death with a world-weary shrug, introduces that all with the requisite anti-drama. The first protagonist of “Mexican Wine” is killed by his cell phone, the only real upshot of which is that someone takes his job; in the second verse a woman who “lives across the street from the health department” leaves her pills in the car and, inevitably, “that was the afternoon her heart went.” The only consequence of the third verse — driven home by a dramatic key change and blaring horns — is a pilot “reading High Times,” letting his license lapse, and eventually retiring. “And I think that’s fine,” Chris Collingwood sings, deadpan.”



Even though this song was written long before Covid, one couldn’t ask for a better song to deal with these times. And again, the chorus reminds us that the sun does still shine, and we can have more wine, Mexican wine that is. The original video, to which I provided a link, starts off as a mock talent show with Drew Carey introducing two supposed contestants who proclaim they are doing the song, Mexican Wine. The bands actual rendition starts play and the first verse starts mellow, but gets loud and raucous after that, so watch the volume!!

Speaking of Covid, a sad note is that one of the songwriters, Adam Schlesinger, died from complications due to Covid in April of 2020 at the age of 52. The other writer and lead singer, Christopher Collingwood, is still with us.

LINK TO VIDEO/SONG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4blhM9IU3A>, or, if you prefer a little less fun in the sun on a \$600K boat, here’ a link to the simpler concert version: [Fountains Of Wayne "Mexican Wine" Live RAVE HD - Bing video](#)

<p>He was killed by a cellular phone explosion They scattered his ashes across the ocean The water was used to make baby lotion The wheels of promotion, were set into motion But the sun still shines in the summertime I'll be yours if you'll be mine I tried to change, but I changed my mind I think I'll have another glass of Mexican Wine She lived alone in a small apartment Across the street from the health department</p>	<p>She left her pills in the glove compartment That was the afternoon her heart went And the sun still shines in the summertime I'll be yours if you'll be mine I tried to change, but I changed my mind I think I'll have another glass of Mexican Wine I think I'll have another glass of Mexican Wine I used to fly for United Airlines Then I got fired for reading High Times My license expired in almost no time</p>	<p>Now I'm retired, and I think that's fine Because the sun still shines in the summertime I'll be yours if you'll be mine I tried to change, but I changed my mind I think I'll have another glass of Mexican Wine Because the sun still shines in the summertime I'll be yours if you'll be mine I tried to change, but I changed my mind I think I'll have another glass of Mexican Wine I think I'll have another glass of Mexican Wine</p>
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