

# Vintage Sky Tunes

While these sheet music titles didn't make the Top 10 music charts in their day, the dozen songs in EAA's sheet music collection present several interesting motifs from aviation history. One of the small collection's earliest pieces, *Let's Take a Trip in My Aeroplane* (1911), blends newly discovered powered flight with the timeless theme of romance, as Johnnie tries to win Mollie's heart via a romantic plane ride.

Charles Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic flight inspired several celebratory numbers in 1927, including the *Welcome*

*Home March* from composer Charles Maduro.

A few years later World War II became the backdrop for patriotic compositions. In the big band ditty *The Flight of the Bomber B-17* (1943), Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston pay tribute to "the only American battle plane ready for action on December 7, 1941."

More information about aviation sheet music is on the web at [www.sil.si.edu/ondisplay/music/intro.htm](http://www.sil.si.edu/ondisplay/music/intro.htm) or <http://library.duke.edu/music/sheetmusic/collections.html>.

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