

KFAT

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A long time ago, before my kids were born
A long time ago, before my dreams were worn
Before I'd ever seen Vegas or Reno
I was livin' up in the hills, down in Cupertino

Before there was Apple, before there was Sun
There were orchards in the valley along 101
Drivin' to work, up I-280
I was searchin' the dial and found K-F-A-T

Playin' the Flying Burritos, Chuck Wagon and the Wheels
Little Jimmy Dickens, Utah Phillips, Slim Pickens
Howlin Wolf and Willie, Doc Watson, Bob Willis
Janis, Joni, Jerry Jeff & Waylon Jennings

(refrain:)

94.5 K-FAT, K-FAT
K-FAT was where it's at
Everybody I knew knew that
that was where it's at

Gilroy California, the garlic capital
Somewhere near Salinas, south of San Jose
Kinda weak transmitter, hard to get the signal
Before you reached the city, it would fade away

Playin' Asleep at the Wheel, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zepplin,
Emmy Lou and Gram Parsons, Kris and Rita his wife
Singin' I Got Drunk the Day My Momma Got Out of Prison
And Drop Kick Me Jesus Through the Goal Posts of Life

(repeat refrain)

Well today on the web you've got everything,
KPIG, FUV and XPN,
but it's not the same as way back then
As when I used to hear K-FAT playin'

the Flying Burritos, Chuck Wagon and the Wheels
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Notes:

If you lived anywhere between Palo Alto and Santa Cruz in the late 70's or early 80's, I hope you didn't miss out on listening to KFAT. Sadly, it stopped broadcasting sometime in the 80's. Totally, inappropriately, the call letters are now held by a hip-hop station in Anchorage, but KPIG (celebrated in Todd Snider's "Beer Run") has taken up KFAT's old role in its original area.

There is a little historical inaccuracy in the text: We lived in Cupertino, briefly, in 1974, before our kids were born, but that was actually before KFAT was born, too. Our early memories of it are actually from 1978, when we were in Palo Alto (and Josh was 3).