

# LAST NIGHT ON THE BACK PORCH

(I Loved Her Best of All)



Carl Schraubstaden wrote one unforgettable hit, then he turned his back on Tin Pan Alley forever. (Today he is senior vice-president of a large New York real estate firm.) "I went to high school with Richard Rodgers," he told the Digest, "and I knew I'd never be another Rodgers." He wrote this during his sophomore year at Cornell for the annual Masque Show. It became the campus favorite, and at house-party time all the bands were asked to play it. One of these was a bunch of kids from Penn State University. Their leader, Fred Waring, liked it enough to take it with him on his first big-time job in Pittsburgh. When the song was published, the great lyricist Lew Brown rewrote parts of the verse, but the chorus, which appears here, is pure Schraubstader.

Words and Music by: Lew Brown and Carl Schraubstader





#### [Taxi]

I loved her in a Packard
And a Locomobile,
I loved her in a Buick
While she held on to the wheel.
I loved her in a flivver
And we ran into a wall,
But last night in a taxi
I loved her best of all.

# [In between time]

I loved her at breakfast
And I loved her at tea,
I loved her yes! I loved her
When she took her lunch with me.
I loved her after supper
When I paid her folks a call,
But last night in between time
I loved her best of all.

#### [Moonshine]

I loved her in a rainstorm
And I loved her in snow,
I loved her in a blizzard
When zero was below.
I loved her in the sunshine
Underneath her parasol,
But last night with some moonshine
I loved her best of all.

#### [Rowboat]

I loved her in a sailboat And a big birch canoe, I loved her on a tugboat And an ocean liner too. I loved her in a schooner And I loved her in a yawl, But last night in a rowboat I loved her best of all.

### [Leap Year]

From Monday until Sunday
Oh! I sure am some sheik,
I love her, yes! I love her
Ev'ry day that's in the week.
Tho' seven days of Heaven
Ain't enough I won't get sore,
'Cause next year when it's leap year
I'll love her one day more.

## [College]

I loved her in the classroom
In Latin and Greek,
I loved her in Italian
That's a language she can't speak.
I loved her on the campus
And in the dining hall,
But last night at the junior prom
I loved her best of all.