

# THE TRAGICALLY HIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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## Section 1: General Information

### 1-01. Who are the Tragically Hip?

The Tragically Hip are a rock 'n' roll band from Kingston, Ontario, Canada. The band consists of five members:

Bobby Baker - guitars  
Gord Downie - vocals, occasional guitar  
Johnny Fay - drums  
Paul Langlois - guitar, backing vocals  
Gord Sinclair - bass, backing vocals

### 1-02. Is there a Tragically Hip newsgroup?

Yes. The newsgroup alt.music.tragically-hip was created in November of 1994. If the newsgroup does not exist at your site, ask your news admin or sys admin to add it.

### 1-03. What are some Internet sources for Tragically Hip information?

The first place to start is the Hip's own website: <http://www.thehip.com>.

This page has all the current information for the Phantom Power release and the Hip's most recent tour. If you're interested in information on previous releases, pictures, sound clips and the Henhouse screensaver, start at <http://www.thehip.com/thehip.htm>.

This is the old front page for the band's website.

Another good general resource for Hip information is <http://www.killerwhaletank.com> . At this site you will find news, tour dates/reviews, a concert chronology and a bootleg

database. Rory Young also has a good resource on this site, located at <http://www.killerwhaletank.com/rory.htm> .

Also, the Burning Church, <http://www.burningchurch.ca/> .

#### **1-04. Where can I go to find tapes/CDRs of live recordings of the Tragically Hip?**

Rory Young maintains what is likely THE resource for which Hip shows have been recorded. His live concert database of around 400 shows (and counting) is located at <http://www.killerwhaletank.com/ConcertList.htm> .

The Killerwhaletank also has an extensive tape trading section. Other sites include <http://www.livehip.com> , which is a source for getting "treed" live Hip recordings, and The Burning Church.

#### **1-05. Where can I find mp3s of the Tragically Hip?**

There are various people who have set up FTPs for Hip mp3s. They often post the specifics in the newsgroup, but these FTP sites come and go.

thehip.org, <http://thehip.org> , has an extensive collection of shows and videos, but the site is taken down frequently, so don't expect it to be always be accessible.

A source for Hip concerts in SHN format is <http://www.metronoir.com> (available in October, for now the site is located at <http://www.metronoir.f2s.com>). This site also has considerable resources for tapers and taper contacts.

#### **1-06. Do the Tragically Hip have an Internet email address?**

Yes. The Tragically Hip can be reached via email at: [tth@thehip.com](mailto:tth@thehip.com)

They may take a while to answer your mail, so be patient. It usually takes about two weeks to receive a reply.

#### **1-07. Do the Tragically Hip have a newsletter? If so, how can I get it?**

Tales from the Hip: The Tragically Hip Newsletter can be obtained by writing or emailing to the Tragically Hip and requesting a copy.

To get a hard copy write to:

The Tragically Hip

P.O. Box 37, Station "C"  
Toronto, Ontario  
M6J 3M7 Canada

The best way to get a copy of the current newsletter via email is to subscribe to The Tragically Hip's mailing list.

### **1-08. What is the Tragically Hip mailing list and how can I subscribe?**

To subscribe to the mailing list, send an e-mail to:

tth-news-request@thehip.com?subject=subscribe

You will receive a confirmation of your subscription. To unsubscribe, send e-mail to:

tth-news-request@thehip.com?subject=unsubscribe

For more information visit the Hip's website at [www.thehip.com/mail.htm](http://www.thehip.com/mail.htm)

### **1-09. Who answers The Hip's mail?**

Ross Walton. He also runs and maintains the Hip's official website.

### **1-10. What other places can I find Tragically Hip fans on the Internet?**

You can subscribe to Henhouse, the unofficial Tragically Hip mailing list, by visiting the following URL: <http://www.vif.com/users/rhb/thehip.html>

Hip fans also meet on Internet Relay Chat in #thehip channel, which resides on the EFNNet IRC network. A list of regular members of #thehip can be found on the website of Trevor Astrope (Freaked) at: <http://thehip.tabbweb.com/irc/>

If you're new to IRC, than go to [www.irchelp.org](http://www.irchelp.org) for information on logging on to IRC.

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## **Section 2: Albums and Their Availability**

### **2-01. How many Tragically Hip albums are there?**

The Tragically Hip currently have seven full length studio albums, one live album and one EP. They were all released on vinyl, cassette and compact disc. Here's a list

of the albums in chronological order:

Self-Titled Debut EP (Universal Music, 1987)  
Up To Here (Universal Music, 1989)  
Road Apples (Universal Music, 1991)  
Fully Completely (Universal Music, 1992)  
Day For Night (Universal Music, 1994/Atlantic [U.S.], 1995)  
Trouble At The Henhouse (Universal Music/Atlantic [U.S.], 1996)  
Live Between Us (Universal Music/Sire Records [Outside Canada], 1997)  
Phantom Power (Universal Music/Sire Records [Outside Canada], 1998)  
Music @ Work (Universal Music/Sire Records [Outside Canada], 2000)

Sire Records ([www.sirerecords.com](http://www.sirerecords.com)) has re-released Up To Here, Road Apples, Fully Completely, Day For Night and Trouble at the Henhouse in an enhanced-CD format which contains video as well as audio tracks.

## **2-02. What songs have the Tragically Hip released as singles?**

Songs that were commercially released as singles include: "Twist My Arm" (UK), "Courage" (Euro), "Greasy Jungle" (Euro), "Scared" (Euro), "Little Bones" (UK), and "Fireworks" (Aus).

There was also a promotional CD that was marketed with the release of Day For Night. It included the following tracks:

"Nautical Disaster" - LP version  
"Fire in the Hole" - LP version  
"50 Mission Cap" (live) - from Logo, Hamburg Germany Dec 9, 92  
"Pigeon Camera" - LP version  
"New Orleans Is Sinking" (live) - with seeds of "Fire in the Hole" and all of "Nautical Disaster" - from "somewhere on the ARA summer 1993"  
"Ahead By a Century" and "Giftshop" - LP versions

There are also many radio-only promotional singles floating around out there. If it was played on the radio (at least in Canada), there is likely a promo CD for that song. Of special interest are the radio-only singles for two songs whose B-sides contain the well-known Double Suicide and Killerwhaletank monologues (see questions 14 and 15).

## **2-03. Do The Tragically Hip have a video?**

Yes. It is called Heksenketel. It is a 65 minute documentary shot during the 1993 Another Roadside Attraction Tour of Canada. It features clips from live performances of: 50 Mission Cap, Wheat Kings, Courage, Blow at High Dough, Fully Completely, and Eldorado.

**2-04. What is the name of the song where Gord tells a story about how he and his girlfriend decide to commit suicide but they only have one bullet...?**

That passage comes from what is commonly referred to as the Double Suicide monologue, which is contained in a live version of "Highway Girl" that is a "B" side of a radio promo disc for "Twist My Arm". Since the promo disc is hard to find, if you want to hear this song your best bet is to find a trader willing to tape you a copy.

**2-05. What is the name of the song where Gord tells a story about working in the whale tank at Seaworld and getting his arm ripped off by a jealous killer whale?**

This is the infamous Killerwhaletank monologue, which is in a live version of "New Orleans Is Sinking" that appears as a B-side to the radio-only promo of "Long Time Running". Like the Double Suicide version of "Highway Girl", the best way to get your hands on a copy of this song is through a trader.

**2-06. Where can I get a copy of Limelight, the Rush tune that The Hip performed on their 1993 tour?**

- > From: Tales from the Hip, Winter 94-95 No.1:
- >
- > Well, the only full copy was given to our friends in the mighty Rush.
- > So unless you can give them a call and ask to borrow it, it won't be
- > available.

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## **Section 3: Songs and Their Meanings**

**3-01. What is the inspiration for the lyrics... and who writes the lyrics, anyway?**

While people are encouraged to discuss their interpretations of the lyrics for Hip songs on [alt.music.tragically-hip](http://alt.music.tragically-hip), you should keep in mind that seldom, if ever, are the lyrics for a song about any one theme.

- > From: Tales from the Hip, Winter 94-95 No.1:
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- > Here are a few pointers:
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- > "The inspiration for my lyrics? I couldn't even
- > hazard a guess. It seems observations have become a
- > bit of a hobby, and I am fortunate to have the luxury
- > of time to hammer these things into songs" (G. Downie)
- > "I am not too comfortable with the lyrics being
- > separated from the music. I'm not a poet, I'm a lyric
- > writer and I just want to make them fit or sound
- > right." (G. Downie)
- > "I think the whole band is kind of ambiguous
- > anyway... I think the same with lyrics, there are a
- > lot of snippets and mini stories within bigger ones. I
- > think Gord likes to leave it ambiguous and I think we
- > all prefer it that way too..." (P. Langlois)
- > "People never used to ask me about the lyrics...
- > No accountability, it was a great luxury" (G. Downie)
- > - The Tragically Hip

While the only album that lists lyric credits is the first self-titled album (and it only credits Gord Downie as having written the lyrics for four of the seven songs), it would seem from the above quotes that Gord Downie has taken on responsibility for the majority of the lyric writing since Up to Here. If Gord Sinclair still contributes to the lyric writing, his contributions go uncredited.

### **3-02. Is the song "38 Years Old" based on fact?**

On a radio show that aired in the Toronto area in 1989 Gord Downie said that only the first line is based on fact. The rest is just him imagining what it would be like if a family member went to the big house and broke out and came home for dinner and then maybe out to a movie later. He said he then paired down the trivialities like the bit about the movie and wrote the song.

- > I either read or heard an interview with Gord Downie a couple of
- > years ago where he said that it was all fictional, and that it was
- > really embarrassing when the Hip toured Europe one time to have all
- > these people coming up to him and saying how sorry they were about
- > what happened to his brother and sister. He said that after that,
- > he decided to write songs that, if fictional, were a little less
- > personal!
- Jon. Waller

### **3-03. What is the song "Wheat Kings" about and who is David Milgaard?**

The song "Wheat Kings", from Fully Completely, is mainly about David Milgaard. Milgaard, who was from Saskatchewan, was wrongly convicted of murder and served over 20 years in prison before being released.

### **3-04. What is "Nautical Disaster" about?**

Few believe that the song is about a single theme, but it seems that one theme may be about the raid on Dieppe during World War II:

- > Dieppe was a daylight, pre-D-day raid of a German held port on the
  - > coast of France. In the assault, carried out by Canadian troops,
  - > nearly 4000 men were killed out of a force of about 4800. The
  - > lyrics to "Nautical Disaster" are extremely close to these facts.
- Brent McCombs

### **3-05. Who is Terry and why is his gift "forever green"?**

Memorialized in Day For Night's "Inevitability of Death", Terry Fox was a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who was diagnosed with cancer in his right leg in 1977 at the age of 18. Two years later he began training for a cross-Canada run to raise money for cancer research. On April 12, 1980 he began his journey in St. John's, Newfoundland, running an average of 26 miles (43 km) a day through six provinces. But on September 1st, after 143 days and 3,339 miles (5,565 km), Terry was forced to stop running outside Thunder Bay, Ontario because his cancer had spread to his lungs. He died less than a year later, on June 28, 1981, a month short of his 23rd birthday.

The annual Terry Fox Run is currently in its 20th year and brings in over \$14 million yearly for cancer research. Visit <http://www.terryfoxrun.org> for more information.

### **3-06. Who is Tom Thomson?**

Memorialized in the Road Apples song "Three Pistols", Tom Thomson was born near Claremont, Ontario, on August 5, 1877 and grew up near Leith, six miles north-east of Owen Sound. He is considered a catalyst for a new direction in Canadian painting, influencing other artists to explore and paint the north, especially his beloved Algonquin Park. His work broke from the traditional style of painting, and provided new direction for Canadian art. Thomson, along with the men who would later form the Group of Seven, unknowingly developed a style of painting which became uniquely "Canadian."

Tom Thomson died sometime between July 8, when he was last seen, and July 17, 1917, when his body was recovered. The cause was recorded as drowning.

(Information taken from the Tom Thomson Memorial Gallery (<http://www.tomthomson.org>) website.)

### **3-07. Who is Ry Cooder?**

Memorialized in Fully Completely's "At the Hundredth Meridian", Ry Cooder is a guitarist who has worked as a session musician, solo artist and soundtrack composer. "His chameleon-like fretted instrument virtuosity, songwriting, and choices of material encompass an incredibly eclectic range of North American musical styles, including rock & roll, blues, reggae, Tex-Mex, Hawaiian, Dixieland jazz, country, folk, R&B, gospel, and vaudeville. Cooder's trademark slide guitar work graced the recordings of such artists as Captain Beefheart (Safe as Milk), Randy Newman, Little Feat, Van Dyke Parks, the Rolling Stones (Let It Bleed, Sticky Fingers), Taj Mahal, and Gordon Lightfoot."

-- taken from the Ultimate Band List (<http://www.ubl.com>) website

### **3-08. Who is Bill Barilko?**

The Hip refer to Bill Barilko in the song "50 Mission Cap" off Fully Completely. Here is an explanation of Barilko's relevance taken from Rob Del Mundo's website (<http://www.interlog.com/~robdm/barilko.html>):

"Four months and five days after he scored the winning goal to clinch Toronto's sixth Stanley Cup, Bill Barilko boarded a Fairchild 24, single-engine plane piloted by his friend Henry Hudson. He was returning home to Timmins from a fishing trip on James Bay. The plane vanished between Rupert House and Timmins. No trace of Hudson, Barilko or the Fairchild was discovered for eleven years, despite massive search efforts. The Maple Leafs were so distraught and unwilling to accept the tragedy that Barilko's equipment remained in his usual locker room stall at the opening of the 1951 fall training camp. Rumours began circulating that Barilko, of Russian decent, had defected to the Soviet Union to teach his skills to young Soviet players. Finally on June 9, 1962, bush pilot Gary Fields came upon the wreck of a Fairchild 24, approximately 100 kilometres north of Cochrane, Ontario. Barilko was finally laid to rest in Timmins; the year that the Leafs won their first Stanley Cup since his disappearance eleven years earlier."

### **3-09. What is a 50 mission cap?**

> From my understanding. Its just the cap the bomber crews wore. It had flaps,

- > and you would wear headphones over the flaps. As you completed more and more
  - > missions the headphones would crunch down and wear out the hat. So a fifty
  - > mission cap would be a hat that was really worn down from use. So in the
  - > song its a new guy on the crew trying to mess up his hat so doesn't look
  - > like a rookie. This what I recall anyways and it makes some sense.
- Steve. Z

Also:

- > If I remember correctly, WWII bomber pilots were shipped home after they had
  - > performed 50 bombing missions. Their hats would become pretty dirty and beat
  - > up during this time, after which the pilots referred to them as "50 mission
  - > caps" and wore them proudly. That explains the line, "I worked it in to look
  - > like that."
- R.H. Allen

### **3-10. What was the "goal that everyone remembers?"**

From the Phantom Power song "Fireworks", it was scored on September 28, 1972 by left winger Paul Henderson in game 8 of the Summit Series that pitted Team Canada against the U.S.S.R. Team Canada restored the faith of Canadian hockey fans by fighting back to win the final three games of the series, all on game winning goals by Henderson.

Visit the September To Remember website  
(<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Track/5639/>)  
for more information.

### **3-11. What is a "pigeon camera"?**

- > Before the airplane, pigeon cameras were used to take aerial
  - > photographs. The Art Gallery of Hamilton had an installment which
  - > featured several aerial photographs taken in Europe by pigeon
  - > cameras. The photographs were surprisingly clear and you could see
  - > part of the bird's wing in some.
- Andrew H. Kooiman

### **3-12. What or who is Hengelo?**

Reference appears in "(At the) Hundredth Meridian" off Fully Completely.

- > Hengelo is a provincial town in the east of The Netherlands; it is
  - > very close to the German border; about 200 km east of Amsterdam.
- Henk Vos

### **3-13. Where is the "Paris of the prairies"?**

Saskatoon, Saskatwechwan. ("Wheat Kings", Fully Completely)

### **3-14. What does "Road Apples" mean?**

> From: Tales from the Hip, Winter 94-95 No.1:

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> It is local slang for frozen horse-droppings.

-- The Tragically Hip

### **3-15. What does "Day for Night" mean?**

> "Day for Night" is a movie-making term, it refer's to the practise

> of getting daytime to look like the night.

-- Leo Comitale

> There is also a 1971 French movie called "Day for Night" that was

> directed by Francois Truffaut. It is a satirical comedy on the,

> "Art and madness of making movies."

-- Scott Hutchens

It is likely that the title of the album refers to the technique and not the movie, but it cannot be said for certain that this is the case. After all, Gord Downie studied film in college and we know that the band got their name from a documentary.

### **3-16. What do "metropolis noir", "roman a' clef" "cinema a' clef" and "tableau vivant" mean?**

"Metropolis noir" (from Day For Night's "Greasy Jungle") -- dark city

"Roman a'clef" (from Fully Completely's "Lionized") -- literally means "novel with a key", it is a novel in which real persons or actual events figure under disguise

"Cinema a'clef" (from Day For Night's "So Hard Done By") -- same as roman a'clef, only regarding a film rather than a novel

"Tableau vivant" (also from "Lionized") -- literally translates as "living picture", it is a depiction of a scene usually presented on a stage by silent and motionless costumed participants

### **3-17. Where is the Hundredth Meridian?**

From the Fully Completely song "(At the) Hundredth Meridian" - The 100th meridian runs pretty much straight up through the middle of Texas, forms a north-south boundary between Texas and Oklahoma, goes across the Oklahoma panhandle, through Kansas, Nebraska, South and North Dakota before crossing into Canada in Manitoba. According to Gord Downie, it's "where the Great Plains begin."

### **3-18. Where is 55 degrees located?**

From the Phantom Power song "Thompson Girl" - The Thompson in question is a city in the province of Manitoba, "located roughly at 55.8 degrees by 97.8 degrees. The 55th degree doesn't really run through anything important, just cuts north of Flin Flon."

--- Hip Hobo

### **3-19. What is the meaning of "Toronto 4"?**

From the Music @ Work song of the same name, Toronto 4 refers to the way postal codes were written at one time in Canada.

> I was helping renovate our basement, and I looked inside the poney box  
> of the electrical system, and the address for General Electric,  
> back in 1966, had Toronto 4 as its third line. Turns out that  
> Toronto 4 was the post office, and it stood where the ACC stands  
> now. I work with a guy who used to drive the forklifts at Toronto  
> 4 back when he was my age. When I found out the meaning of the  
> title, I didn't hate it as much as I did when I first heard it.

-- Ren Bostelaar

### **3-20. Where is the Ganges River? Why is it significant?**

From the Music @ Work song "My Music At Work," the Ganges is a chief river in India, about 2,500 km long, considered sacred by Hindus. Its source is in the Himalayas and it flows generally east-southeast through a wide and densely populated plain to join the Brahmaputra River in Bangladesh. The combined river then continues through a vast and fertile delta on the Bay of Bengal, which it enters as the Padma and other distributaries. Hardwar, Allahabad, and Varanasi (Benares) are especially holy bathing sites along its banks. The Ganges is a major source of water for irrigation in both India and Bangladesh, but because of its location near major population centers it is heavily polluted.

### **3-21. What is the Mariana's Trench?**

From the Music @ Work song "Sharks," the Mariana Trench is a submarine trench in the floor of the western North Pacific Ocean, situated east of the Mariana Islands. It is the deepest such trench known. An arcing depression, the trench stretches for more than 1,580 miles (2,550 km) with a mean width of 43 miles (69 km).

### **3-22. Who is John Cage?**

Memorialized in the Music @ Work song "Tiger the Lion," John Cage was an influential and controversial American experimental composer of the 20th century. "John Cage was the father of indeterminism, a Zen-inspired aesthetic which expelled all notions of choice from the creative process. Rejecting the most deeply-held compositional principles of the past -- logical consequence, vertical sensitivity and tonality among them -- Cage created a groundbreaking alternative to the serialist method, deconstructing traditions established hundreds and even thousands of years earlier; the end result was a radical new artistic approach which impacted all of the music composed in its wake, forever altering not only the ways in which sounds are created but also how they're absorbed by audiences. Indeed, it's often been suggested that he did to music what Karl Marx did to government -- he leveled it. "

(Biographical information courtesy of SonicNet, <http://www.sonicnet.com>)

### **3-23. Where is Algonquin Park?**

From the Music @ Work songs "Lake Fever" and "The Bear," Algonquin Park is the oldest and most famous provincial park in Ontario and one of the largest in Canada. Algonquin is just three or four hours away from Toronto or Ottawa, and stretches across 7,725 square kilometres of wild and beautiful lakes and forests, bogs and rivers, cliffs and beaches.

For more information, visit the official Algonquin Park website at <http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca>

### **3-24. Who is Billy Sunday?**

Memorialized in the Music @ Work song "The Bastard," Billy Sunday (1862-1935) was an American evangelist born in Iowa. A professional baseball player for seven years with the Chicago White Sox, he was saved in 1886. An evangelist from 1896 to 1935, he made an attack on liquor the mainstay of his campaigns. Sunday's sensationalistic "fire and brimstone" preaching was incredibly popular. He traveled from town to town, holding

revival meetings in temporary wooden tabernacles, condemning liquor, birth control, and other sins of the modern age.

For more information, check out a biography on Sunday at <http://www.wholesomewords.org/biography/biorpsunday.html>. Another interesting article appears at <http://www.detnews.com/history/sunday/sunday.htm>.

### **3.25. Who is Hugh MacLennan?**

The song "Courage" off Fully Completely is dedicated to Canadian author Hugh MacLennan, whose most popular work is the novel "The Watch That Ends the Night." First published in 1958, a passage from that book (on page 274) is paraphrased in the lyrics.

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## **Section 4: General Trivia**

### **4-01. What does the name, "The Tragically Hip" mean?**

- > From: Tales from the Hip, Winter 94-95 No.1:
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- > The name, The Tragically Hip, was taken from a Michael Nesmith video
- > called "Elephant Parts." The video contained a clip asking for
- > contributions to The Foundation for The Tragically Hip: poor,
- > afflicted people in need of jacuzzis, Lamborghinis and cocaine.
- > Here is what Paul said about the name once: "There seems to be some
- > confusion about our name...about the kind of band we are. People
- > either like the name, think it's clever and funny or think it's a
- > really pretentious, new-wave thing. We were billed in Germany a
- > couple of times as an American Hip Hop band."
- The Tragically Hip

### **4-02. I heard that Gord Downie is related to the Boston Bruins' GM, Harry Sinden, is this true?**

Harry Sinden is Gord's godfather. He mentions this in an article titled, "Locked in the Trunk of Gord Downie's Mind" by Maureen Littlejohn.

- > "My godfather is Harry Sinden, the team general manager and former
- > coach. He and my folks were friends when I was baptized. He was
- > selling real estate at the time and then when he got back into the

- > game, he promptly won a Stanley Cup with the Bruins. My brother and
- > I were out dancing in the rain on our driveway, with no one around,
- > when they won the cup in '72."
- > (Network Magazine, June/July/August 1993, pp. 12-14)

**4-03. What is the largest audience The Hip have played to?**

The Hip played to 200,000+ people at the Parkpop Festival in Holland in 1992 and the Woodstock Festival in Rome, NY in 1999. The band's largest Canadian audience was 80,000, at the War Child Benefit concert at The Forks, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 16th, 2000.

**4-04. What is the smallest audience The Hip have played to?**

Believe it or not, the smallest audience The Hip have played to was 5 at Jakes' in Bloomington, Indiana in 1989. The Hip says that 0 attendance has been recorded prior to 1989.

