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After sending you a CD from Sara Groves, attention has been on other music that you might like. Not knowing your particular preferences or favorite artists, I will press-on to seek out and send some of my own choice...that I think you will like.

When I was your age, about 13 or 14, my favorite artist was probably John Denver; a folk singer, his music was largely about nature and the environment that included such songs as "Rocky Mountain High", "Country Road", and "Thank God I'm a Country-boy". I think that his music appealed to me because I had an interest in guitar and the simple music that he had developed; secondly, that the words generally had a deep meaning and appreciation for the simpler life and *the things that make a house a home...as the words occur in "Back Home Again"*. John was a great writer with a voice that could reach the upper altitudes of the Rocky Mountains. His music was simply what I liked and what appealed to me.

Other musicians or artists included Christian contemporary artists such as "The Pat Terry Group" - one of the early artists in this developing category of music. Made up of three men, with the leader being Pat Terry, this Atlanta-based group produced several albums to include "Sweet Music" and "Songs of the South". One of my favorite of their collection of songs was "I Can't Wait to See Jesus"; it begins with the words...

*Just as the Lightning comes from the East, and travels even the West;  
So shall the coming of the Son of Man be, put on your Sunday best...put on  
your Sunday best*

...and continues with verse that includes  
*Tell me how it's gon-na' be, read it from the Bible again;  
I can't wait to see Jesus, cause' Jesus is coming Again;*

Who are your favorite artists?