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This week's selection comes from Greg Green, Audio Project Cataloguer for Unlocking our Sound Heritage. With hundreds of recordings of birds from around East Africa, Myles E. W. North is a name that constantly crops up within the enormous collection of wildlife species reels here at the library. During his...

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This week's selection comes from Steve Cleary, Lead Curator of Literary and Creative Recordings. This week's Recording of the week – composed of two recordings in fact, an A-side and a B-side – is drawn from the disc issued by the Columbia Gramophone Company to commemorate the opening of the...

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This week's selection comes from Michele Banal, Audio Project Cataloguer for Unlocking our Sound Heritage. Husband and wife Mihaly and Gizella Halmagyi were a duo of professional musicians from Gyimes Valley, in the Romanian stretch of the Eastern Carpathians. Their home town Gyimesközéplok is part of a significant Hungarian-speaking enclave...

[Recording of the week: well sick](#)

This week's selection comes from Jonnie Robinson, Lead Curator of Spoken English. The widespread use among young speakers of sick [= 'great, excellent'] follows the pattern of several slang terms in which the

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