

For Toni

By Ron Bulla

I think it was the way you said, "Uh, uh, uh, uh, uh"
In a way that projected empathy
A way of saying, "I understand"
Saying it not once, not twice, not three times, nor four
But always five
With the emphasis on the first, third, fourth and fifth "Uh"
I hear you saying it now
Will this singsong utterance
Precentor the church in my head
It would be so perfectly consistent

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