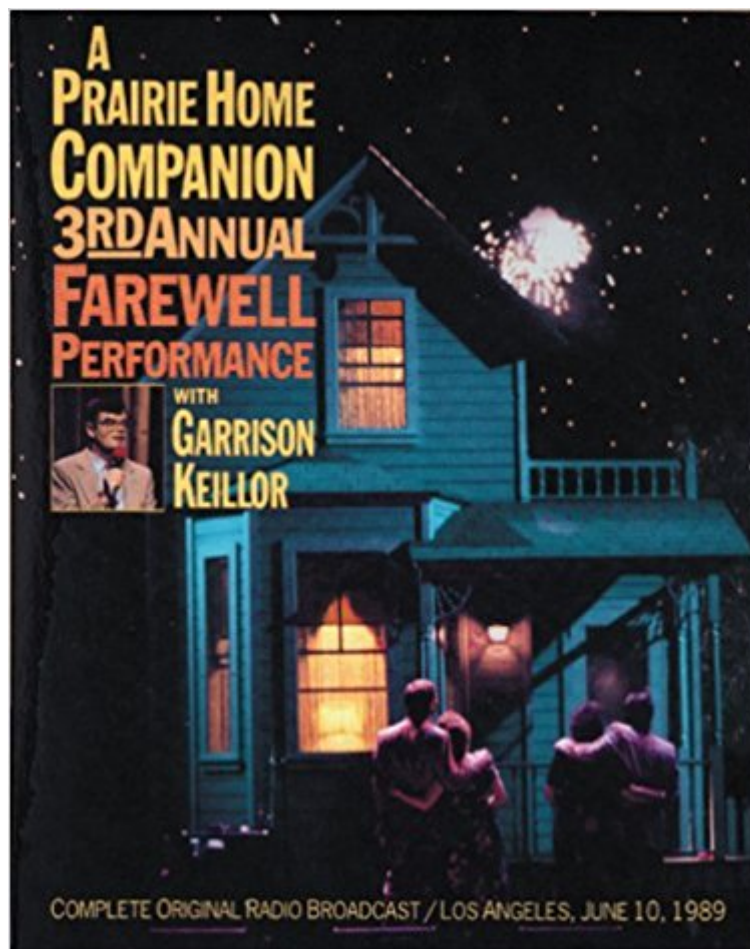




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This complete original radio broadcast of the 3rd Farewell (June 10, 1989) features boogie piano player Butch Thompson, Robin and Linda Williams doing their show-stopping "Mavis and Marvin Smiley" routine, a "News from Lake Wobegon" monologue, and the latest on "Buster the Show Dog." Contents: Hello Love, Westbound Passenger Train, Powdermilk Biscuits, A Solas, Fat, Buster the Show Dog, News From Lake Wobegon (Part One), Gospel Medley, History, Mavis & Marvin Smiley, Tell Me Why, Ecuadorian Memories, Reaching Out, Don't Let Me Come Home a Stranger, News from Lake Wobegon (Part Two), News from Lake Wobegon (Part Two, continued), You don't knock, Ezekiel, Wobegon Finale

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This was intended to be Keillor's last show in 1991. It was not, to a lot of people's great relief. First there is the music - if ever there was a recording to match the guitar work of Chet Atkins and Leo Kotke in 'Sleepwalk' I've yet to hear it. The songs Keillor sings, sad songs, beautiful songs of endings and parting will break your heart. The last episode of the 'News from Lake Wobegon' is just astounding. You cannot miss the tone of a man saying goodbye to a lifetime. The humor is what it always was, just plain wonderful. If you've got to leave, didn't want to, hoped you would come back you will hear it all here. Perhaps the finest show he's ever done.

Keillor outdoes himself with this extra-long show. An artifact, a historical document, and a labor of love.

I have been looking for a recording of PHC's final '87 show for years, writing even the show's website, no to avail. I was recently out of college when this show aired on the radio (back in '87), and I remember listening, spellbound, to part of it in my car, and then rushing home to record the rest on a cheap little cassette recorder! I listened and listened to that final broadcast until the cassette tape broke, and, through the years, recalled favorite snatches of the music and narrative. Hearing it again as I drove home from the city today swept me back to loved ones, places, much more innocent times, and reminded me of how much I love this show, and how meaningful it has been in my life.

This is the last show before Garrison Keillor moved to Scandinavia. Ultimately, he returned and revived A PHC, but this CD is still worth having. Leo Kottke and Chet Atkins perform a duet, and other memorable moments and stories.

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