

Counterflow

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A Few of My Favorite Things

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What makes us happy? In this holiday season I thought I would take a break from our industry and throw out a few points of joy for me (besides family and friends). And if you want to nominate some, please email me at huntoon@comcast.net for a potential sequel.



1. No Surrender festival. Crazy Springsteen sing-along and play-along with 4,000 delirious Spaniards. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alorNxGo0FM>
2. The final scene of "Casablanca's". The

triumph of good over evil, the sacrifice of love for the cause, the friendship you didn't see coming, and written on the fly during war. In two parts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEWaqUVac3M> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kiNJcDG4E0>.

3. "The Joke" by Brandi Carlile. It gets me every time. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5r6A2NexF88>
4. Anthony Bourdain. I'm still not sure what it was he had, but he had it in spades.
5. "Vacation" by the Go-Go's. Faux surfing starts at 1:15. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RHTIXvELNg>
6. "Star Trek: The Next Generation." Of course the original series was great, but almost every episode of the Picard series is too.

7. Frosty the inflatable. Every year our 8-foot Frosty goes up on our second-floor deck happily welcoming everyone. There's just something about that.
8. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." How did Richard O'Brien create all this 47 years ago? My favorite song, "Science Fiction/Double Feature" (not "Time Warp"). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKhPVHoodrU>
9. "I'd Do Anything for Love" (But I Won't Do That). Mr. Loaf may have learned a little about drama from his *cameo* for Mr. O'Brien as a leather-clad biker. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9X_ViIPA-Gc
10. The beach. Any beach.

The best of the holidays to you and yours! ■



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