

“Sing Something, Simple”

Professor Newlandsmith's disclosure that Western Music originated in Ancient Egypt does not surprise me in the least. That was always the view of an old uncle of mine, who was a great Egyptologist. He spent years digging in the temples and tombs of the Phut dynasty, of which the disappearance was so complete that it gave rise to the expression “to go phut.”

I well remember him crooning some of the simple melodies of Ancient Egypt of an evening—it was before the days when wireless brought entertainment to every home—in his rich and fruity baritone which was so universally admired that even to-day its haunting appeal is commemorated in that popular ballad: “Sing Something, Simple!”