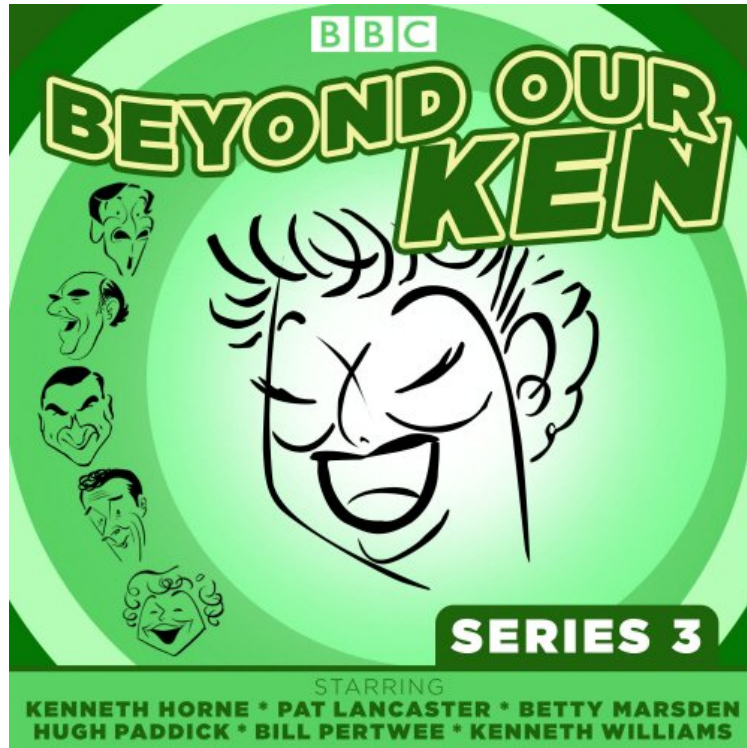


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Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and others star in 14 episodes of the madcap forerunner to Round the Horne. Published for the very first time, these uproarious half hours were first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1960. A hectic mix of sketches and songs, it's full of witty wordplay, larger-than-life characters, comic catchphrases and sublimely silly humour. The scripts are written by Eric Merriman, and musical accompaniment is provided by Patricia Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four, the Hornets, Edwin Braden and the BBC Revue Orchestra. Duration: 7 hours approx

About the Author Eric Merriman (1924–2003) was a British radio and television writer, who provided material for numerous comedians including Frankie Howerd, Terry Scott and Morecambe and Wise. He wrote, originally with Barry Took and then solo, the radio series Beyond Our Ken, starring Kenneth Horne. He also was a writer for several Terry Scott vehicles, Scott on... and Happy Ever After. [source: Wikipedia] Barry Took (1928-2002) was born in London. An early career as a stand-up comedian and sketch writer led to his first radio script credit, for Beyond Our

Ken. From there he went on to create Round the Horne with Marty Feldman, whilst on television he wrote for series including Bootsie and Snudge and The Army Game. Amongst a variety of later jobs in front of and behind the camera, Took wrote and presented Points of View on BBC 1 and also chaired BBC radio's The News Quiz. He wrote a number of books, including The Complete and Utter History of Round the Horne and his autobiography A Point of View. He died in 2002.