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—By Pam Daugherty

I was sitting up late, studying for a  
Chemistry test—  
Guess it was about 11:00 when I called in my  
request.  
“KBUL,” the DJ said; “thanks for your call.”  
I gave the correct artist and title, but the station  
wasn’t on the ball.  
Midnight, and they hadn’t played that song,  
But then waiting an hour really isn’t so long.  
One AM and no music yet—  
Maybe I should just listen to the cassette.  
Two AM and my patience is out the window  
When I hear this dialogue on the radio—  
“Thanks for calling KBUL!”  
Then some hayseed says, “Well...  
“I’d like to hear that one that fella sings  
‘Bout taking off his wedding ring.  
His woman left, and he’s drinking beer  
In a bar with a jukebox in Texas somewhere.”  
“Yes sir, we’ll be happy to get that right on.”  
And as soon as that idiot hangs up, they’re  
playing his song.  
So it seems when it comes to making requests  
on the radio,  
That things get played a lot quicker with the  
less you know.  
If this dilemma troubles you, too,  
Here’s a bit of advice for you:  
When the DJ answers, whistle very loud and  
say, “This has been a test.  
Had this been the real thing...you still  
wouldn’t play my request.”

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