

# Condom Carries a Few Tunes

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**Dear Readers:** The letter I printed about the condom that whistles "Dixie" has taken on a life of its own. It seems the subject refuses to die. The following letter came from Washington, D.C.:

Dear Ann: I read with great interest the letter about the prophylactic that plays "Dixie" when in use. You wondered how that thing worked.

As an intellectual property lawyer, I took it upon myself to learn more about this invention. Enclosed you will find a copy of the patent issued in November 1992 to an inventor from Massachusetts. I will not attempt to get into the mechanics involved, but "Dixie" isn't the only thing it can play. The inventor has stated that the message or music "may warn, compliment, stimulate, entertain or surprise the couple."

Several specific examples of voiced messages included a warning about safe sex and a compliment to the couple for using a condom. Melodies that can be heard emanating from the condom are Tchaikovsky's "The 1812 Overture," "Happy Birthday to You" and "The Anniversary Waltz."

In answer to your question about sales north of the Mason-Dixon Line, Ann, I suspect that they are selling like hot cakes if the product can play "Yankee Doodle."

—JEFFREY A. WOLFSON  
Washington, D.C.

**Dear Jeffrey Wolfson:** Thanks for the update.

And now, dear readers, please, no more letters asking me to sell you the musical condoms. Nor can I tell you where they can be purchased. I am not in the condom business and am not interested in facilitating sales.

A final word to the men who are planning to purchase this gadget: I hope you will not attempt to surprise your partner with this thing. She would be startled out of her wits, and the mood of the moment most certainly would be shattered.

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