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Subject: Would it have been nice

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2025 15:29:02 GMT

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Hi Everyone,

Wouldn't it have been nice? Here I am at my PC (an I7 Omen with all the goodies including an Alienware monitor, SMSL DAC) listening to music via a Marantz 2250 playing a vintage LP on a Sota TT with Origin Live arm and an OM30 cartridge, into a pair of Martin Logan Motion 4s and a D300 powered sub. CD, DVD and Blu-ray Video if needed is displayed on a separate Dell 24 inch monitor. Then the main system is the sort of stuff I would have done nearly anything to get back in the mid-60s. A quad of upgraded Oddblocks, passive digital preamp, two turntables (a custom direct drive with Jelco arm and Dynavector Karat 23RS-MR, an Empire 598 with a Jelco arm and a Grado Sonata II) one of my customized all tube phono preamps, an Akai R-R tape recorder, a Nakamichi cassette, a Sony HD FM tuner and a Marantz CD player. All are feeding a pair of Martin Logan ESLs and a pair of Altec Lansing VOTs (Magnificent style).

Oh by the way there is streaming and blue tooth provided by a self-configured Supermicro I7 PC with all sorts of goodies in it. I don't know how I could have lived through the "dark ages". Moving on, virtually no bills, comfy house and good family nearby. Better yet a spouse that might not understand the obsession with audio at least isn't critical of it. How about you?

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Subject: Re: Would it have been nice

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2025 16:32:38 GMT

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You're so right, Bruce. I'm with you on this. I've got it so good. So many things to be grateful for!

And yeah, back in my youth, I was just starting out so I aspired to get many things that were years away. Some came, some came in part, and many came and went.

But I am really spoiled these days. I have everything I ever wanted. I do have some losses that were shocking and heartbreaking. That is the nature of life. What I also have is everything I always dreamed about in my youth.

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