

Said Gay Byrne: “Now – Some of you might remember the name, Anthony Kearns from the old radio days of the Gay Byrne Show. He was a Tenor and he won “Ireland’s Search for a Tenor” way back in 1993... 1990-- when Gay? 1993. Oh yes, I was alive at that time, if you can call that living. It was a radio competition run on the GB show, before there were other things like *X Factor*, *Voice of Ireland*, and all... This time he was a mere child, because that was 20 years ago and I’m looking at a picture of him here now on his first solo CD and he still looks like a young fellow. Anyway after the dizzy heights of radio stardom he set off on a musical career mostly with The Irish Tenors... did very nicely indeed with all sorts of gold and platinum sales. Now he’s getting around to his first solo CD. Just for the heck of it, we’re going to play a track from it. Anthony is on tour in America now to promote his CD with his longtime-accompanist, Patrick Healy, and then he’ll be joining his Irish Tenors colleagues for a major Christmas tour. So Rodgers and Hammerstein wrote it, and Anthony Kearns is singing and I think you’ll enjoy it.”

(PLAYS MUSIC)

Byrne: “Yes – now that’s an example of breath control. That’s Anthony Kearns. Lovely performance there on “Younger than Springtime.”