Songs for the Quarantine #15: Kelly Watch The Stars, Air

Bonjour, Roll Over Easy, and welcome to the fifteenth Songs for the Quarantine. I'm @suldrew. Every week while we are under shelter-in-place, we'll bring you a song that's perfect for taking your mind off social distancing, that you can listen to while you walk in the park or work from home or pull out those binoculars you got as swag to see if you can see NEOWISE.

Tuesday was Bastille Day. (Vive La France!) This week, in honor of la Republique française as well as our visitor from far out in the solar system, let's listen to Kelly Watch The Stars by French techno-pop artists Air. That's Air (French band), as they always described themselves on their CDs.

Kelly Watch The Stars hit the charts in 1998. It's been described as "retro-electronics" (retro for the nineties?) and "accessible pop", and has a famously weird music video in which Kelly plays Ping-Pong until she floats into the night sky. It's on Air's debut album, Moon Safari, perhaps best known for "La femme d'argent" and "Sexy Boy" - a CD you'd find in many a young couple's bedside Discman in the pre-iPod era.

Kelly, watch the stars. Whether you're named Kelly or not, this is the perfect week to do it. The moon is waning (new moon is on the 20th), Comet <u>NEOWISE</u> is rising in the northwestern sky, and at least in some parts of the Bay, the fog is making room (though not last night!). Check out the amazing sunrise photos of the comet posted last week, and tonight, tomorrow, or this weekend, head out past the fog line, look just under the Big Dipper, and enjoy the fresh Air. `