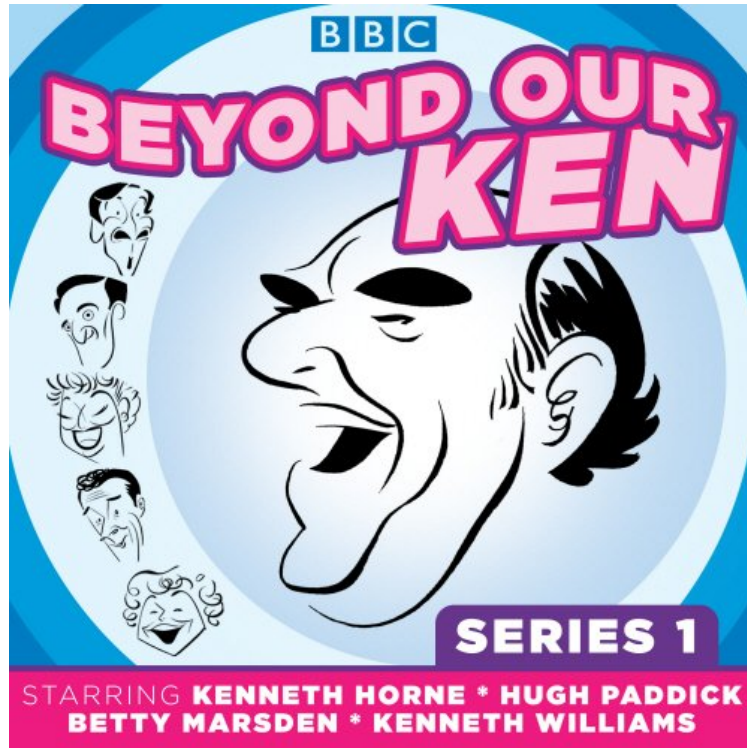


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**Barry Took, Eric Merriman : Beyond Our Ken: Series One** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beyond Our Ken: Series One:

Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden, and Ron Moody star in the surviving 13 episodes from the very first series of the classic weekly show, the forerunner to Round the Horne. Between 1958 and 1964, Beyond Our Ken lit up the airwaves. A madcap mix of sketches and songs, it remains as funny today as when it was first broadcast. Full of witty wordplay, larger-than-life characters, comic catchphrases, and sublimely silly humor, the show introduced regulars such as Rodney and Charles, countryman Arthur Fallowfield, and roving reporter Cecil Snaith. Enjoy regular documentary feature "Hornerama," plan a break with "Kenneth Horne's Holiday Bureau," listen to Parisian caberet artist Maurice Chandelier, and meet Felicity and Ambrose the happiest couple in Great Britain. With episodes written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took, and musical interludes from The Malcolm Mitchell Trio and The Fraser Hayes Four, join avuncular host Kenneth Horne and friends in this hilarious precursor to Round the Horne. Duration: 6 hours 30 mins approx.

About the Author Eric Merriman (1924-2003) was a British radio and television writer who provided material for numerous comedians including Frankie Howerd, Terry Scott, and Morecambe and Wise. He wrote, originally with

Barry Took and then solo, the radio series *Beyond Our Ken*, starring Kenneth Horne. He also was a writer for several Terry Scott vehicles, *Scott on...*, and *Happy Ever After*. Barry Took (1928-2002) had an early career as a stand-up comedian and sketch writer, which led to his first radio script credit, for *Beyond Our Ken*. From there he went on to create *Round the Horne* with Marty Feldman, while on television he wrote for series including *Bootsie and Snudge* and *The Army Game*. Among a variety of later jobs in front of and behind the camera, Took wrote and presented *Points of View* on BBC1 and also chaired BBC radios *The News Quiz*. He wrote a number of books, including *The Complete and Utter History of Round the Horne* and his autobiography *A Point of View*.