Twenty-Six Miles

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Twenty Six Miles Tuning (Santa Catalina) 26 Miles (Santa Catalina) is a popular song by the Four Preps. It reached number two on the Billboard Hot 100 and number six on the UK Singles Chart. The Four Preps' version of the song, released in 1958, became a timeless classic, often played on radio stations across the United States. The song's melody, featuring a repeating phrase of "Twenty Six Miles Across the Sea," became synonymous with the Catalina Island, a popular vacation destination for many Americans.

The song's lyrics are filled with nostalgia and romance, describing a journey across the sea to the island of Catalina. The verses include lines like "Santa Catalina, the island of dreams, Twenty Six Miles Across the Sea." The chorus is perhaps the most memorable part of the song, with the repeated phrase "Twenty Six Miles Across the Sea, Santa Catalina is waiting for me." The song's popularity continued to grow, and it remains a favorite for many to this day.

Twenty Six Miles Tuning by The Four Preps has been featured in various media, from television shows to radio stations, and has become a symbol of the Catalina Island. The song's enduring success is a testament to its timeless appeal and its ability to evoke the feeling of escape and adventure.