

# Happy Birthday Sian or How to Fall in Love

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I learned how to fall in love, in one hour, watching *The Waltons*. John Boy fell in love with Jenny. Jenny fell in love with John Boy. It taught me the right way to fall in love. It taught me the right way to let love go. I was 12 years old. It was a lesson I would need. I have never been one to get caught up in television or movies. Meaning I know a script is a script. Actors read the script and act parts. Sometimes, I guess, you forget that. I never did before. I never have since. I did in that one hour though. It seemed real. I wanted it to be real. I needed it to be real. It turned out to be real....for me.

