

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
There's a land that I've heard of
Once in a lullaby

Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far
Behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then, oh, why can't I?

If happy little bluebirds fly
Beyond the rainbow
Why, oh, why can't I?

Lyrics by Yip Harburg
Music by Harold Arlen

Edgar Yipsel "Yip" Harburg (born Isidore Hochberg, Yiddish: איסידור הוכברג, April 8, 1896 – March 5, 1981) was an American popular song lyricist and librettist who worked with many well-known composers. He wrote the lyrics to *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?*, *April in Paris*, and *It's Only a Paper Moon*, as well as all of the songs for the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*. He was known for the social commentary of his lyrics, as well as his liberal sensibilities. He championed racial and gender equality and union politics. He also was an ardent critic of religion.

Harold Arlen (born Hyman Arluck, February 15, 1905 – April 23, 1986) was an American composer of popular music, who composed over 500 songs, a number of which have become known worldwide. In addition to composing the songs for the *The Wizard of Oz*, Arlen is a highly regarded contributor to the Great American Songbook.

Over the Rainbow was voted the 20th century's No. 1 song by the Recording Industry Association of America and the National Endowment for the Arts. It was sung in the film by the 17 year old Judy Garland.

