

Stevie Wonder, Ruby Slippers & Hoop Cheese

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Did you watch the all-star tribute to Stevie Wonder television special last week? It was wonderful! I was 12 years old when Stevie's album, Songs in the Key of Life, was at its peak. Listening to all of the old songs made me a bit homesick for my friends, my youth and the food that I grew up with.

I heard somewhere that the music you listen to when you're in your early teens is the music that remains your favorite for all of your life. I believe that's true. I also think it's the same way when it comes to food. Every time I go home to Wilson, NC, I visit all of my favorite restaurants (even at the risk of gaining a few pounds) just because I can.

Stevie's songs have been bopping around in my head all week and the memories they've stirred have made me hungry for home. Unfortunately, I can't click the heels of my ruby slippers and be whisked up I-95 so I decided to recreate a couple of my favorite hometown treats.

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When the hotdog is served, it is served with a side of sauce. The hotdog is served in a bun, and the fries are served with a side of sauce. The sign in the background reads "Dick's Celebrating 90 years!".

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