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When
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What was it like to be a small boy growing up in the Kingston of the 1930s? **When Me Was a Boy** tells exactly what it was like. Charles Hyatt remembers his boyhood in vivid detail and, in his own inimitable voice, talked about it in his radio programme, *When Me Was a Boy*. In this selection from those pieces, Charles brings his school days to life, the tramcar and horse and buggy days, when cars were few and far between and taking a walk was a social occasion. There are hilarious moments – look out for the Black Heart Man – and historic ones, and Charles's sharp observation and remarkable memory put us right on the spot, sharing his feelings and experiences.

Charles Hyatt has been a story-teller since he was a boy. His tremendous gift for acting and his ability to entertain meant that his direction in life was clear. One of Jamaica's best-loved theatrical personalities, he has had a wealth of experience overseas in radio, TV, and film, which he now uses to further theatre arts here at home.

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