

50 Songs

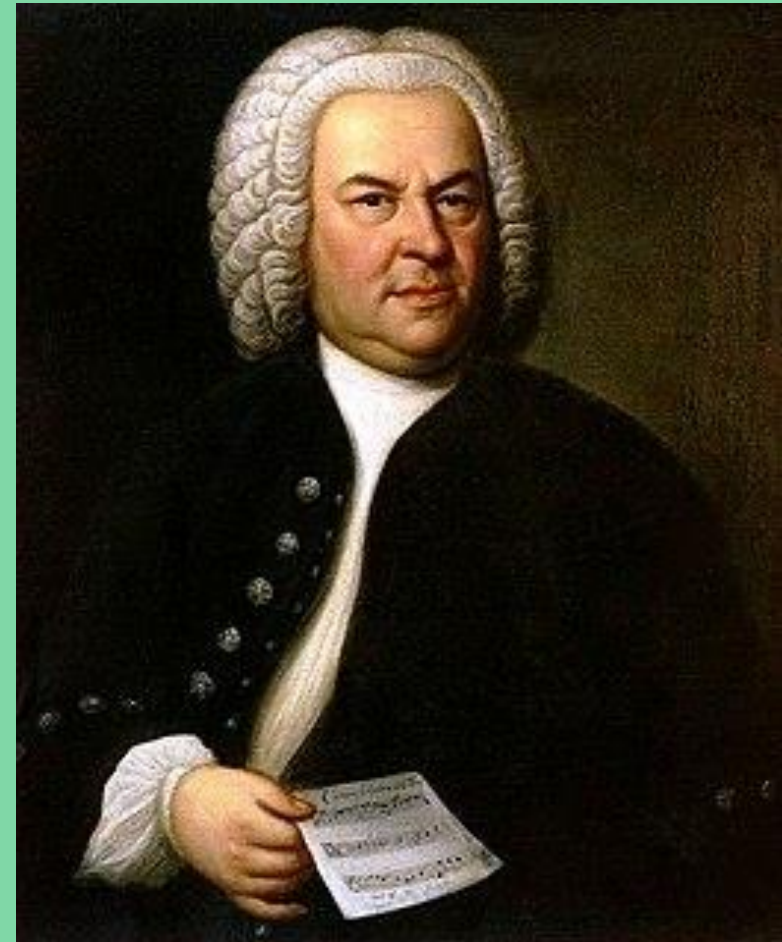
That helped change the world

6 Style Periods of Western Art Music:

1. Medieval (500-1450 CE)
2. Renaissance (1450-1600)
3. Baroque (1600-1750)
4. Classical (1750-1820)
5. Romantic (1820-1900)
6. Modern (1900-Now)

1. Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by Bach (1703-07) (Baroque)

- The opening is what has made this piece famous
 - Schumann says it's humorous
 - 20th Century critics say it's dramatic
- Used widely in popular culture:
 - 1931 film *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
 - 1940 film *Fantasia*
 - 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea



2. Spring by Vivaldi (1725) (Baroque)

- Part of a group of four violin concerti called The Four Seasons
- Said to be revolutionary because the sound mimics birds, flowing rivers, etc.
- Coupled with a series of sonnets
- Inspired by landscape paintings



3. Marriage of Figaro by Mozart (1786) (Classical)

- Was originally banned in Vienna because the emperor Joseph II believed it contained objectionable content
- Contains comedic and tragic elements that capture the human condition
- Mozart was allowed to continue composition after he agreed to do the opera in Italian



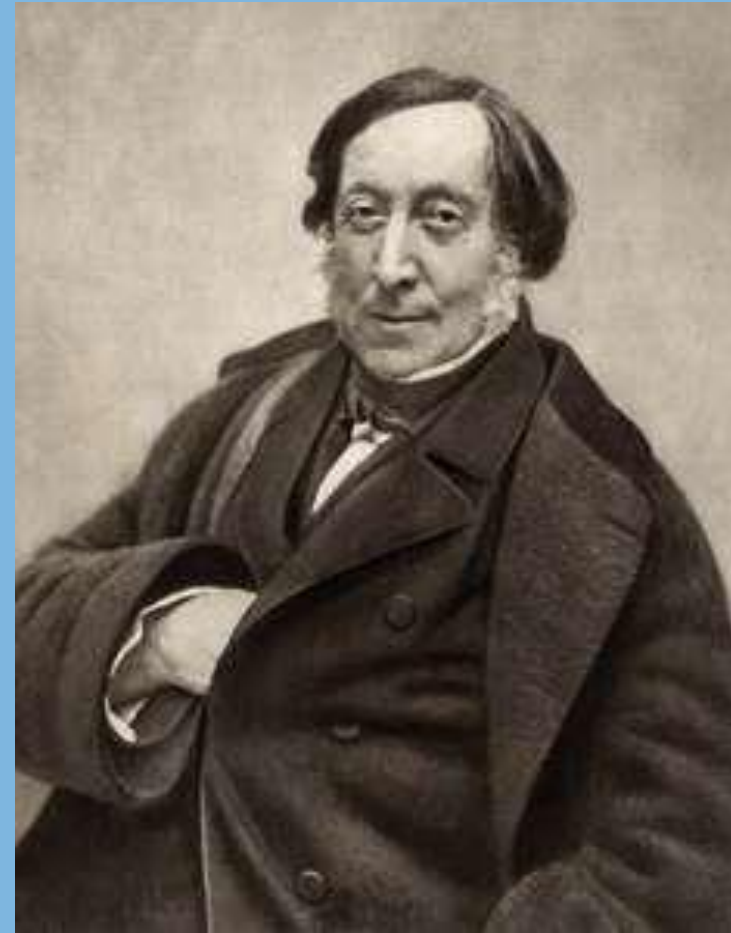
4. Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by Mozart (1787) (Classical)

- A serenade that translates to “A Little Night Music”
- Published in 1827 after Mozart died
 - It’s unclear why he wrote it in the first place
- One of the most frequently performed and iconic of all classical compositions



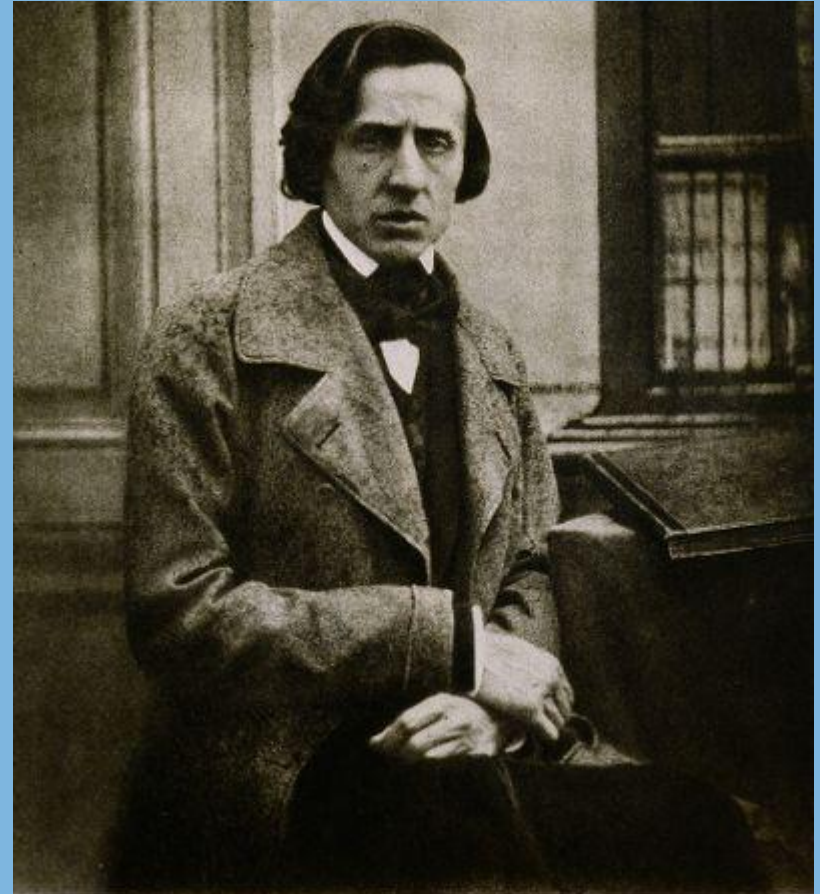
5. William Tell Overture Finale by Rossini (1829) (Romantic)

- Last of Rossini's 39 operas
- The finale is the most played part
 - Meant to simulate the march of Swiss Soldiers
- Theme song of The Lone Ranger
 - Used in other productions from Disney to Honda commercials



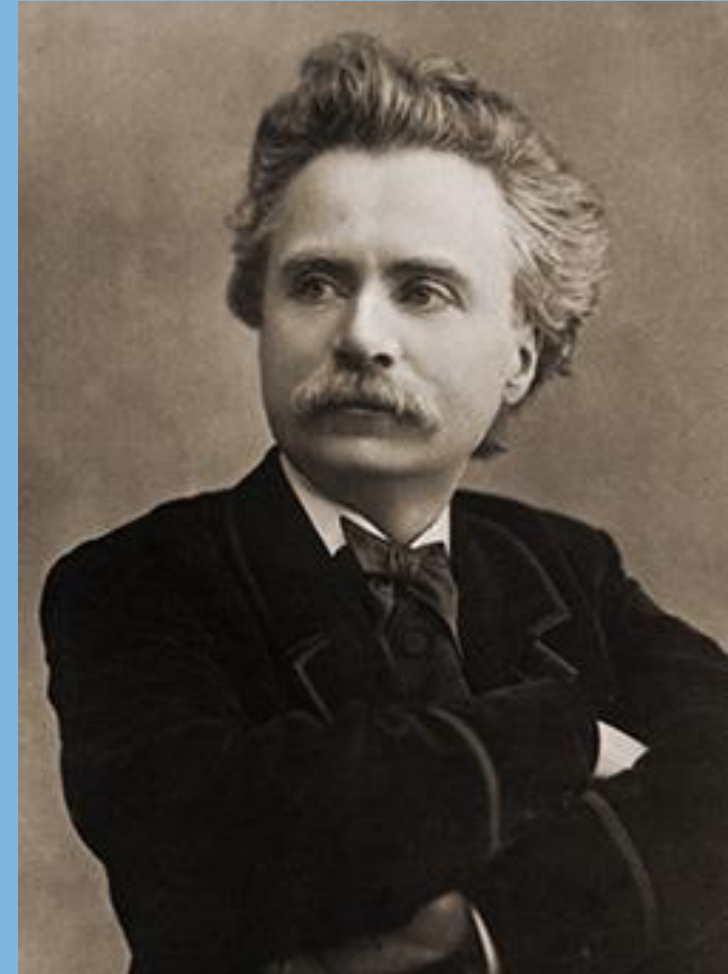
6. Nocturnes Op. 9 no. 2 by Chopin (1831) (Romantic)

- Solo piece for piano
- There are 21 of these
- Dedicated to Madame Marie Pleyel
- 20 years old when he wrote this



7. In the Hall of the Mountain King by Grieg (1875) (Romantic)

- A smaller piece of the Peer Gynt Suite, a play by Ibsen
- This is a dramatic rendition of a boy running from trolls
- Pizzicato mimics the moment the boy is tiptoeing away from the king



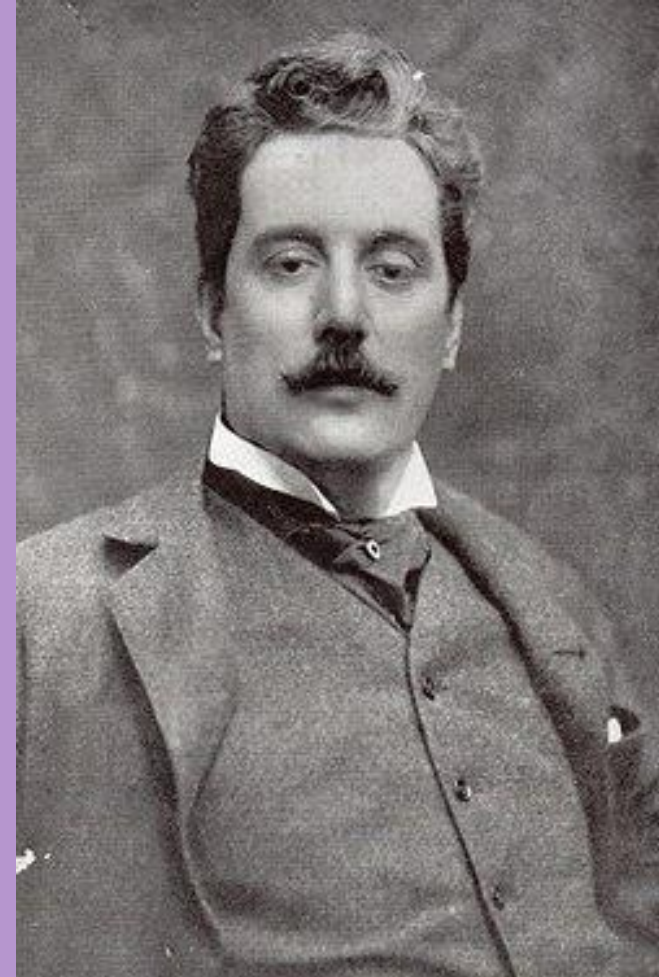
8. Maple Leaf Rag by Joplin (1899) (Romantic)

- Example of early ragtime music
- Sold 1 million copies of sheet music in Joplin's lifetime
- Purchased by the White Star Line to be played on the Titanic's maiden voyage
- Influenced jazz bands of the 1920s



9. Gianni Schicchi by Puccini (1918) (Modern)

- Based on an incident from Dante's Divine Comedy
- One of three one-act operas intended to be performed together
- The excerpt you're hearing is "O Mio Babbino Caro"
 - A very popular song for sopranos



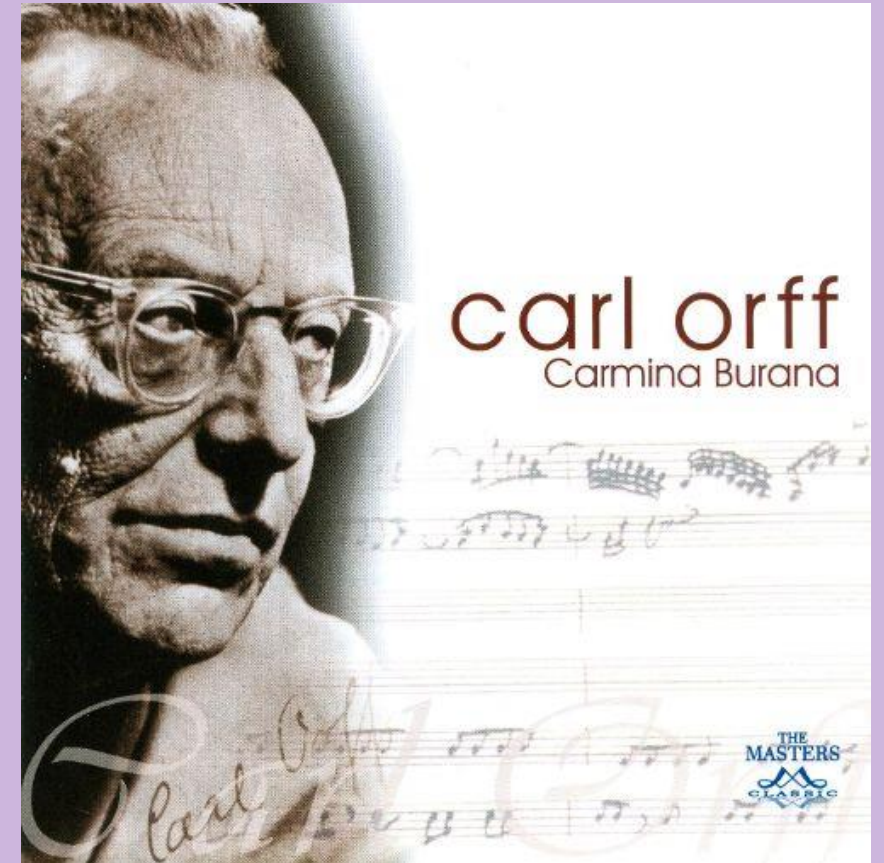
10. An American in Paris by George Gershwin (1928) (Modern)

- Inspired by the sights and energy Gershwin experienced in France in 1920s
- Main song of the movie that bears the same name
- Described as a Rhapsodic Ballet



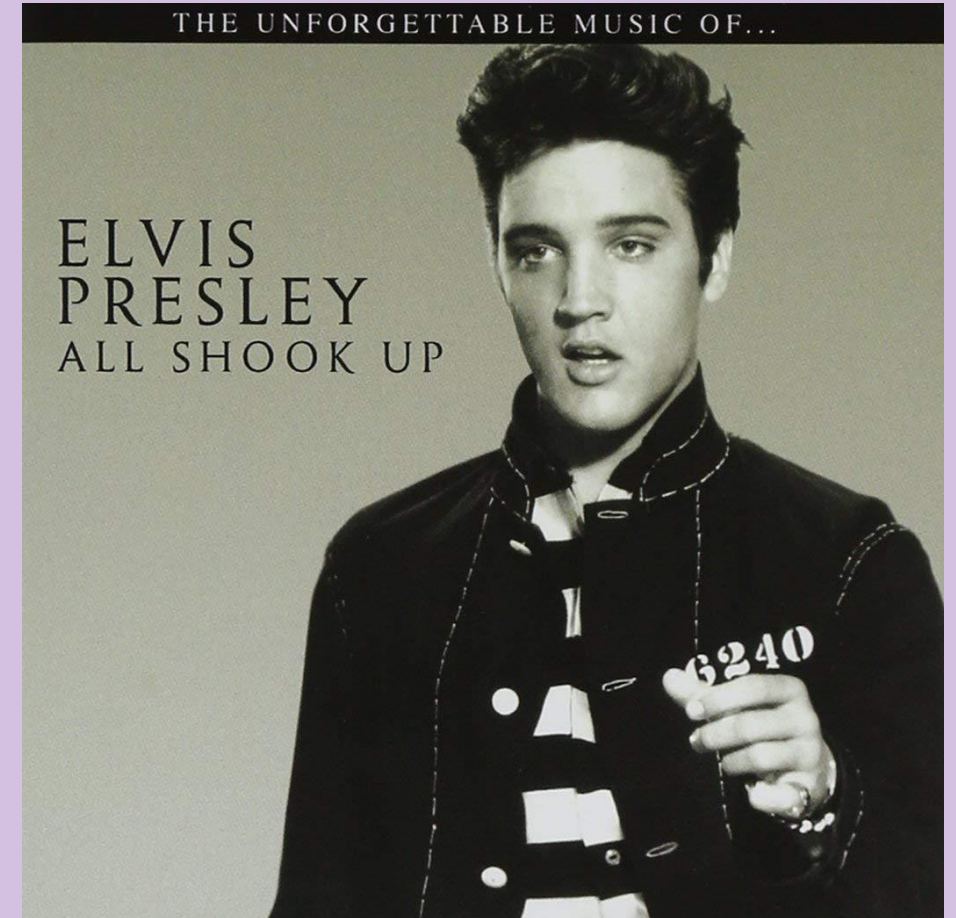
11. Carmina Burana by Carl Orff (1936) (Modern)

- Based off of 24 medieval poems collectively called Carmina Burana
 - Poems date back to 11th or 12th century
- Hugely popular in Nazi Germany
- Orff's most iconic work
- Most frequently performed choral work 21st century
- The excerpt you're hearing is from "O Fortuna"



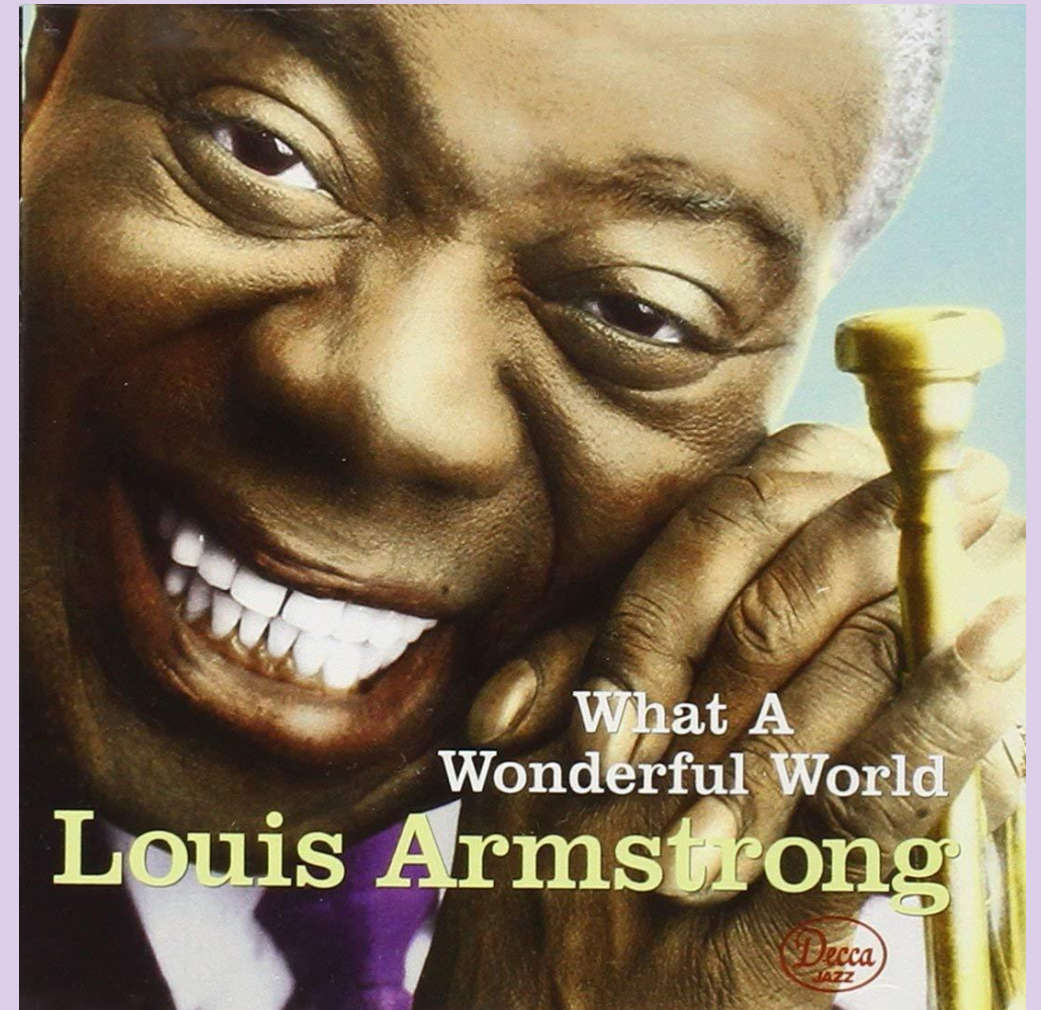
12. All Shook Up by Elvis Presley (1957) (Modern)

- #352 on Rolling Stone's list of 500 greatest songs of all time
- Topped Billboard Hot 100, Billboard R&B chart, and #1 on the country charts
- Inspired by Pepsi
- Many covered versions
- Controversy over who wrote it



13. What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong (1960) (Modern)

- Originally offered to Tony Bennett
 - Armstrong's career was on the decline
- Huge success in UK



14. Can't Help Falling in Love by Elvis Presley (1961) (Modern)

- Elvis' most popular love song
- Part of the movie *Blue Hawaii*
- Based off of a French song called "Plaisir D'Amour"
- Last song Elvis ever sang in public



15. House of the Rising Sun by The Animals (1964) (Modern)

- First Folk Rock Hit
- Another title is Rising Sun Blues
 - Authorship is unclear
- Animals changed it significantly when they changed the perspective of the narrator



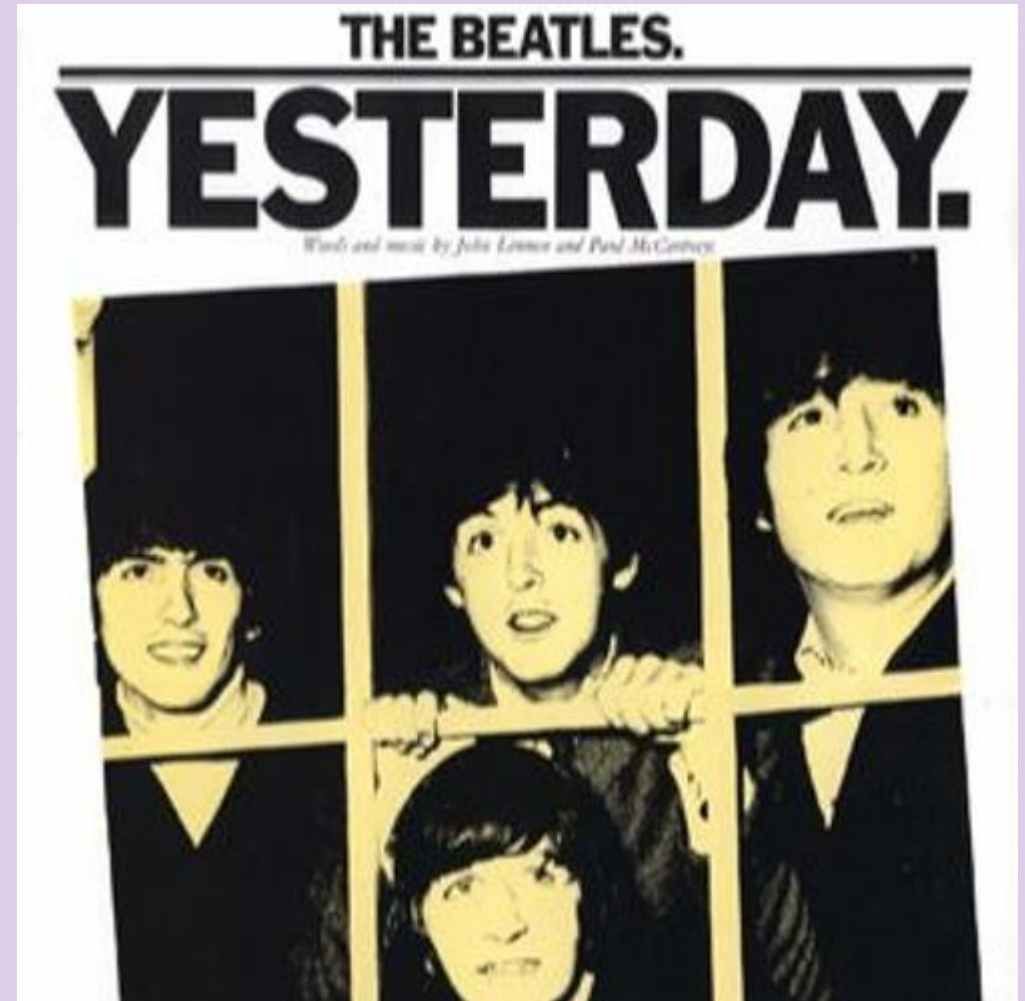
16. The Sound of Silence by Simon and Garfunkel (1964) (Modern)

- Simon wrote it
- Caused duo to break apart
- 2013- Library of Congress' National Recording Registry
- Origins are unclear
 - JFK assassination?



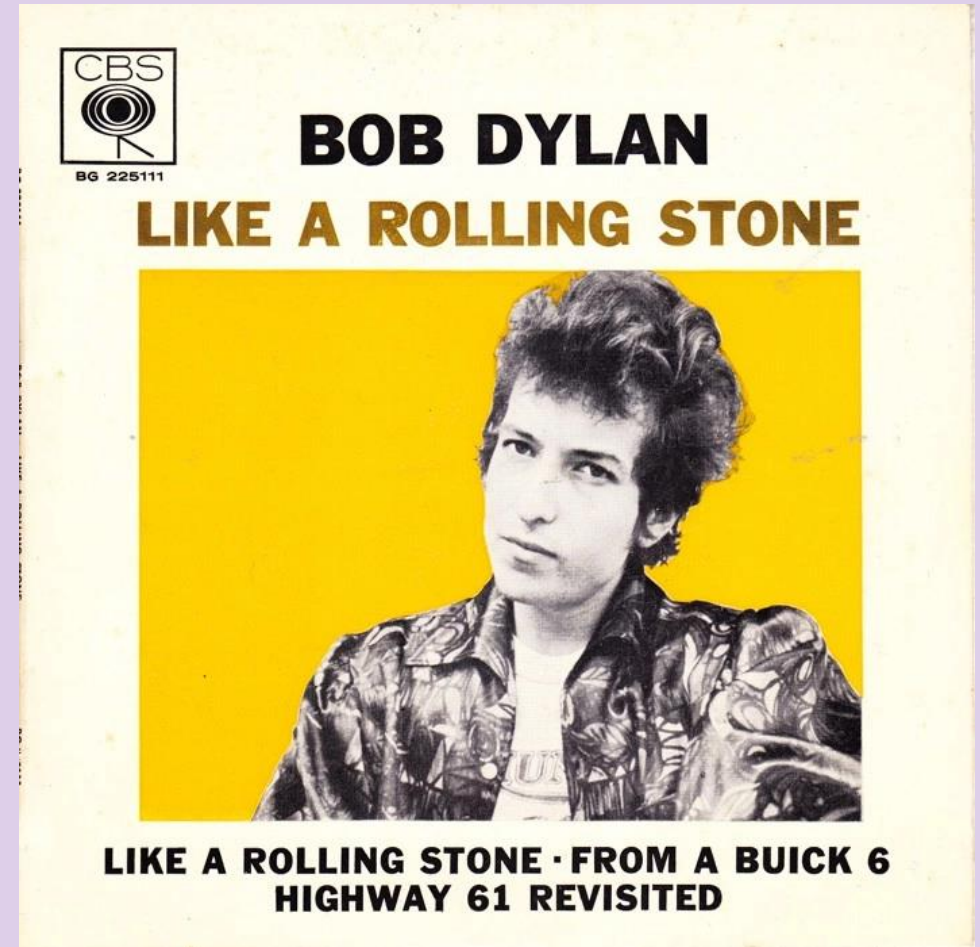
17. Yesterday by The Beatles (1965) (Modern)

- Most covered song in the history of recorded music
- Voted best song of 20th century
- Melancholy ballad of a break-up
- McCartney composed this in a dream



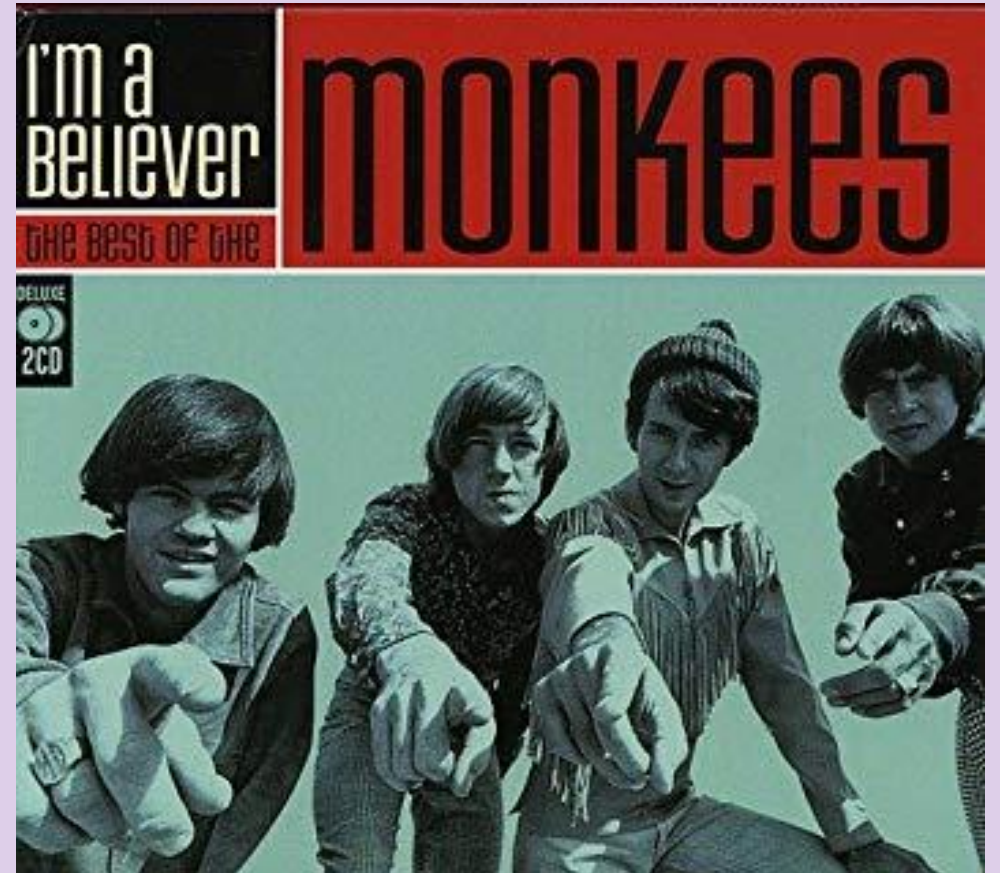
18. Like a Rolling Stone by Bob Dylan (1965) (Modern)

- Rolling Stone voted this #1 on their 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list
- In 2014 Dylan's handwritten lyrics for this song sold for \$2 million; a world record for popular music
- Theme of resentment
- Columbia Records hated this record



19. I'm a Believer by The Monkees (1966) (Modern)

- Neil Diamond actually wrote the lyrics for this song
- It's one of fewer than 40 all-time singles to have sold more than 10 million physical copies world wide
- The Monkees played this on their TV show



20. Yellow Submarine by The Beatles (1966)(Modern)

- There is an animated video of the same name that goes with this
- The group really was not excited about doing any part of this album
- Most famous song to feature Starr as the vocalist
- Ivor Novello Award Recipient
- Beatles say the lyrics are nonsense



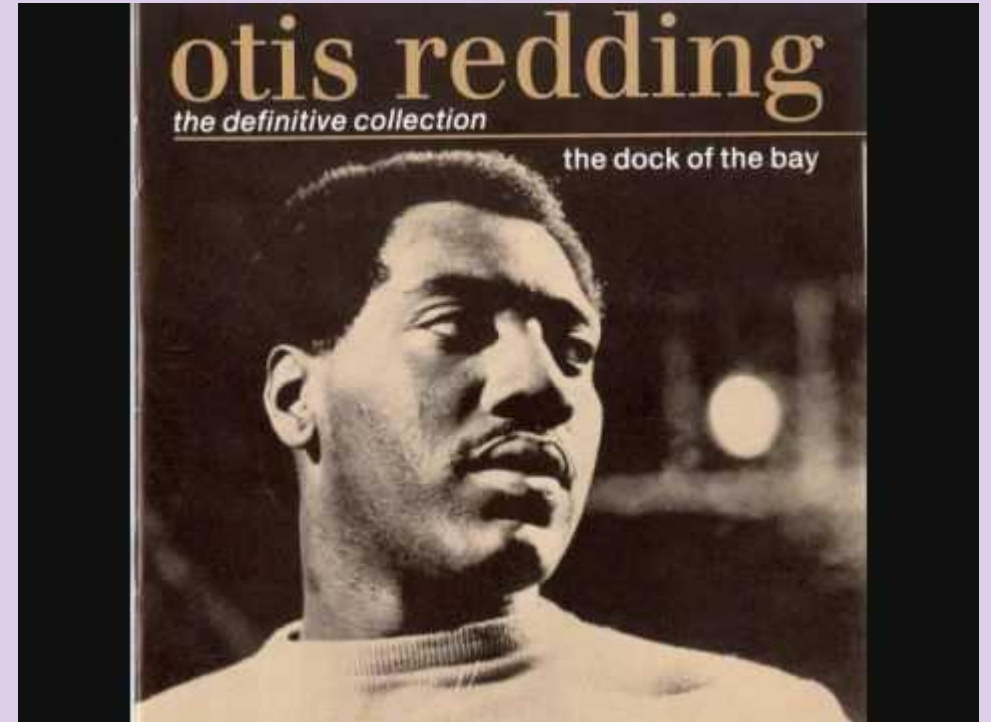
21. Light My Fire by The Doors (1967) (Modern)

- Best selling single for the band
- Ranked 35 on the Rolling Stone's list of 500 greatest songs of all time
- Named a Song of the Century
- Described as making psychedelic rock the sound of Los Angeles



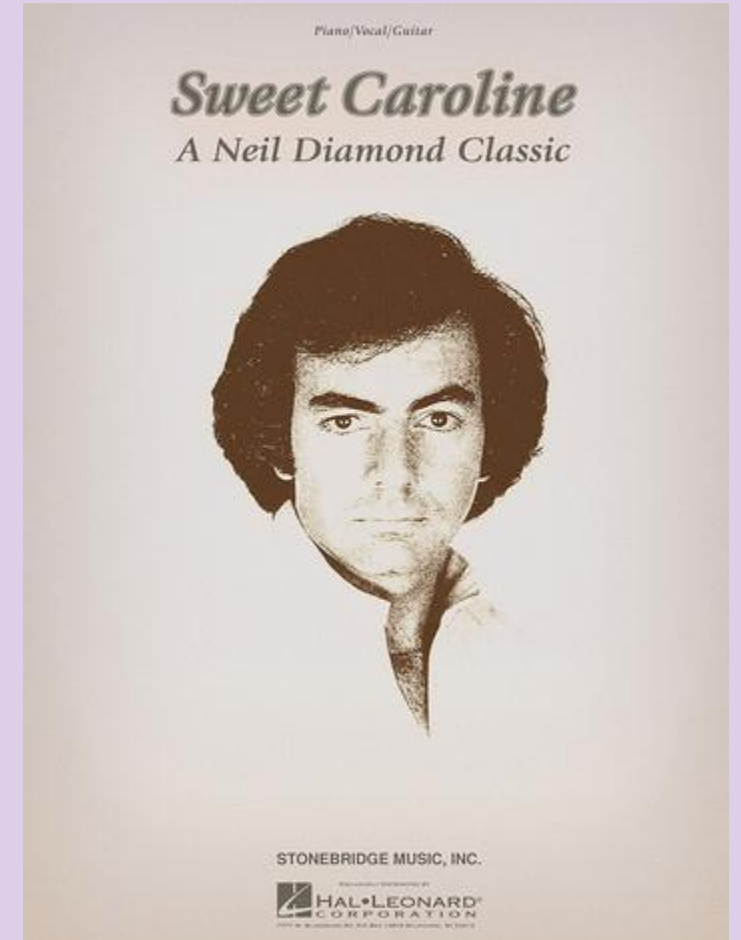
22. (Sittin' on) the Dock of the Bay by Otis Redding (1968)(Modern)

- Released in January 1968, shortly after Redding died in a plane crash December 10, 1967
 - Named the top 4 song of 1968
- Became his most successful album
- Influenced by the Beatles



23. Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond (1969)(Modern)

- Inspired by JFK's 11 year old daughter Caroline
- It's the unofficial song of the Boston Red Sox, The Boston Marathon, and the Carolina Panthers



24. Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours by Stevie Wonder (1970) (Modern)

- There are an absurd amount of covers of this song
- Song was used excessively in 2008 for Barack Obama's campaign
- Wonder's mom thought of the chorus
- Named one of Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Artists of All Time



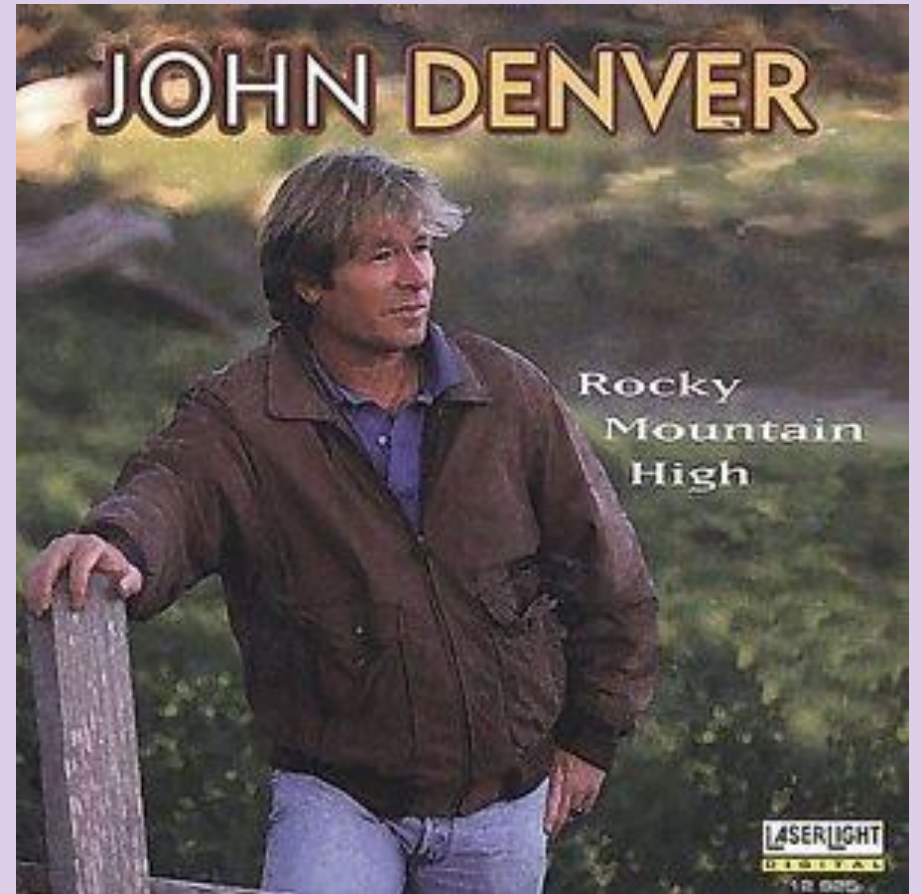
25. Coal Miner's Daughter by Loretta Lynn (1970) (Modern)

- Autobiographical about her childhood growing up in Kentucky
- Completely unlike her other songs
- In 2010 it was added to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry



26. Rocky Mountain High by John Denver (1972) (Modern)

- One of the two official state songs for Colorado
- Inspired by Denver's move to Aspen three years before
- Denver had to go to court and defend that this song was not about drugs
- Snowmass has a Rocky Mountain High run in honor of the song



27. Jolene by Dolly Parton (1974) (Modern)

- Ranked 217 on Rolling Stones 500 Greatest Songs of all Time
- Inspired by a red head who flirted with Parton's husband, Carl Dean



28. Rhiannon by Fleetwood Mac (1975) (Modern)

- Song written by lead singer Stevie Nicks
- Based off of an Old Welsh Witch/Goddess
- #488 on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs of all Time
- The name translates to “night queen” or “great queen”



29. Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen (1975) (Modern)

- The Boss
- This was the album that brought Springsteen into the mainstream
- Comments on the decline of the American Dream



30. Stayin' Alive by the Bee Gees (1977) (Modern)

- #189 on Rolling Stone's Greatest Songs of All Time
- Used in CPR training
- Considered "blue-eyed soul" in UK and Disco in the US
- Tried to make the beat mimic the human heart which beats on average 100 times per minute



31. New York, New York by Frank Sinatra (1977) (Modern)

- Captures the competitive, never quit, always be at your best attitude of New York City
- Told from the perspective of a performer from a small town come to NY to make it big
- Song of the New York Yankees



32. Mr. blue Sky by ELO (1977) (Modern)

- Written about the sky over the Swiss Alps
- Described as Beatlesque
- The use of the word blue is a tribute to Lynn's favorite soccer team, the Birmingham City Football Club

A promotional poster for a tribute act. It features a man with a large, curly brown wig and sunglasses, wearing a white blazer and playing a brown electric guitar. He is standing next to a large, glowing, multi-colored circular logo that resembles the ELO logo. The background is dark with a city skyline at the bottom. Text on the poster includes: "A solo tribute that is out of this world", "Mr. Blue Sky", "Featuring Russ Matthews as front-man Jeff Lynne of the phenomenally successful Electric Light Orchestra", "This impressive portrayal incorporating live guitar and sequenced orchestra is suitable for most venues either as a full tribute or as part of a cabaret Call (01225) 769605 or (01934) 521222", and "All the hits of the Electric Light Orchestra including Turn To Stone, The Diary Of Horace Wimp, Sweet Talkin' Woman, Mr Blue Sky, Livin' On A Prayer, Shine A Little Love, Wild West Hero and many more".

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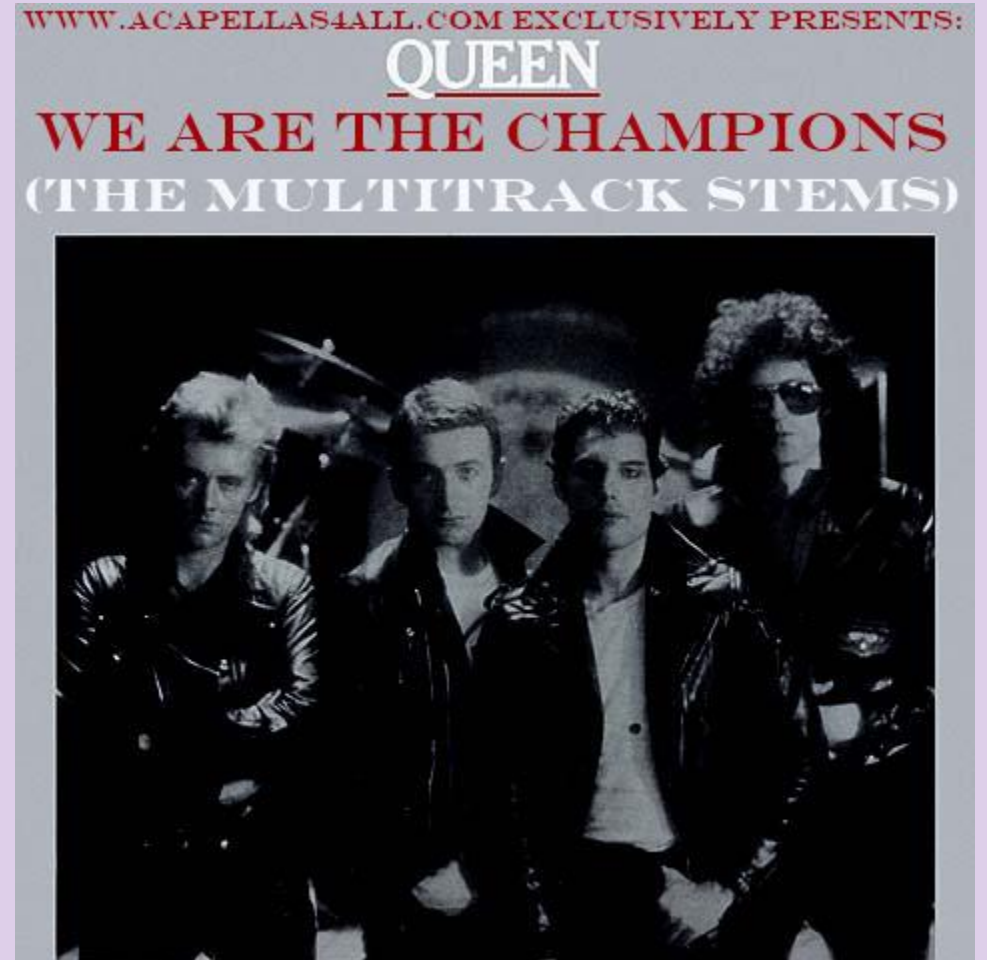
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33. We Are The Champions by Queen (1977) (Modern)

- Inducted into Grammy Hall of Fame
- Voted world's most favorite song in 2005
- Scientific researchers in 2011 said this is the catchiest song in the history of popular music
- Often this song is played at the same time as Queen's We Will Rock You



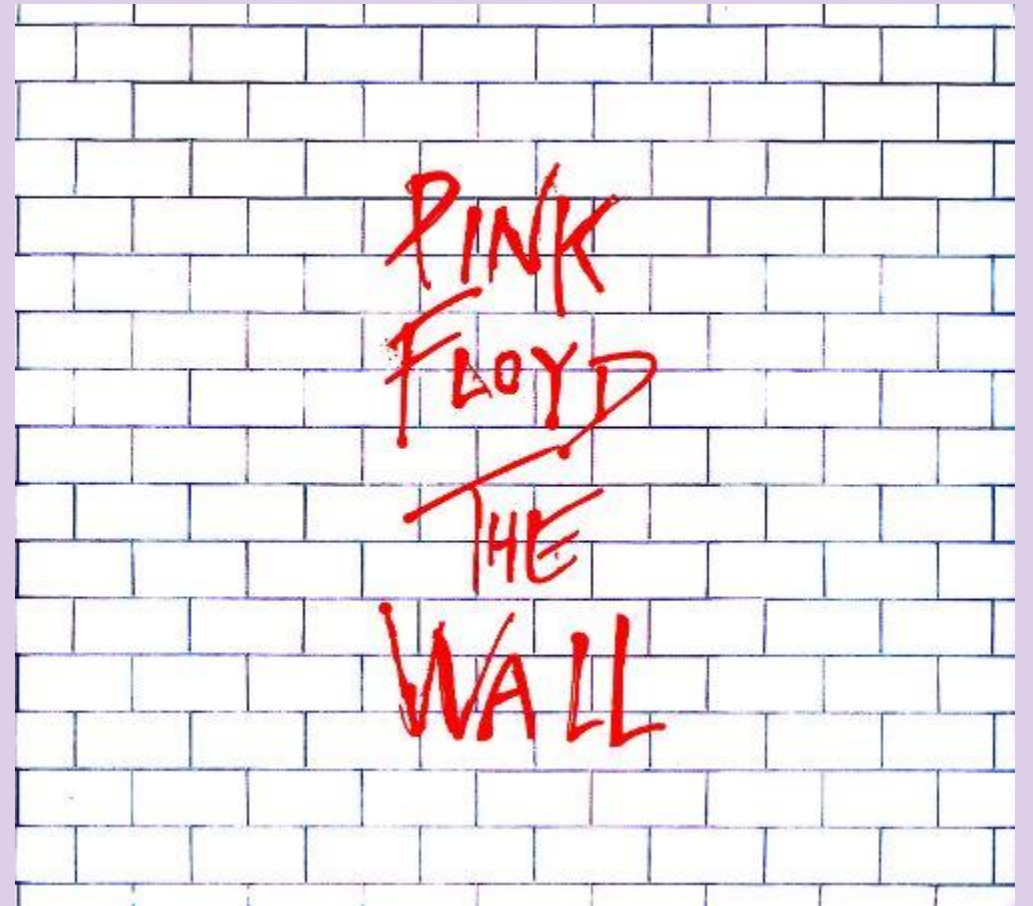
34. Heart of Glass by Blondie (1978) (Modern)

- #255 on Rolling Stone's Greatest Hits of All Time
- One of her first songs but went through several years of revisions before they got it right
- Not popularly used in American Discos but very popular in European ones
- Critics claimed the band was selling out



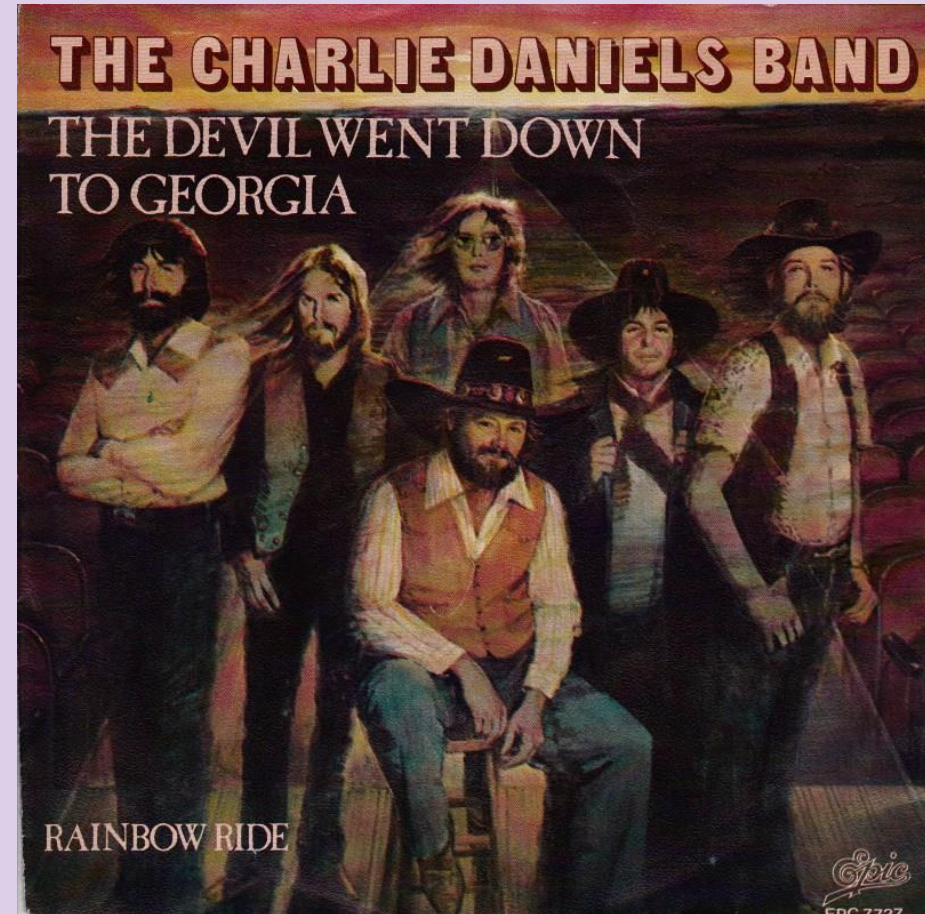
35. Comfortably Numb by Pink Floyd (1979) (Modern)

- Famous for its two guitar solos
 - The second done by Dave Gilmour consistently lands in the top five for greatest guitar solos of all time
- Roger Waters insists that this isn't about drugs
- Last song in which Waters and Gilmour collaborated
- The Wall Album



36. The Devil Went Down to Georgia by Charlie Daniels Band (1979) (Modern)

- Inspiration came from the poem “The Mountain Whippoorwill” by Steven Vincent Benet
- Daniels plays the fiddle for both Johnny and the Devil
- Grammy for Best Country Performance



37. Back in Black by AC/DC (1980) (Modern)

- Considered one of the best selling and greatest albums in history
- The perfect blend of Metal and Rock
- AC/DC's lead vocalist Bon Scott had just died
- #187 of 500 of Rolling Stone's Greatest Songs of All Time



38. Physical by Olivia Newton John (1981) (Modern)

- Her most successful song in America
 - Voted most popular song of the 1980s
- Released one month after MTV started airing
- Salt Lake City radio stations were forbidden to play this song



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWz9VN40nCA>

39. Thriller by Michael Jackson (1982) (Modern)

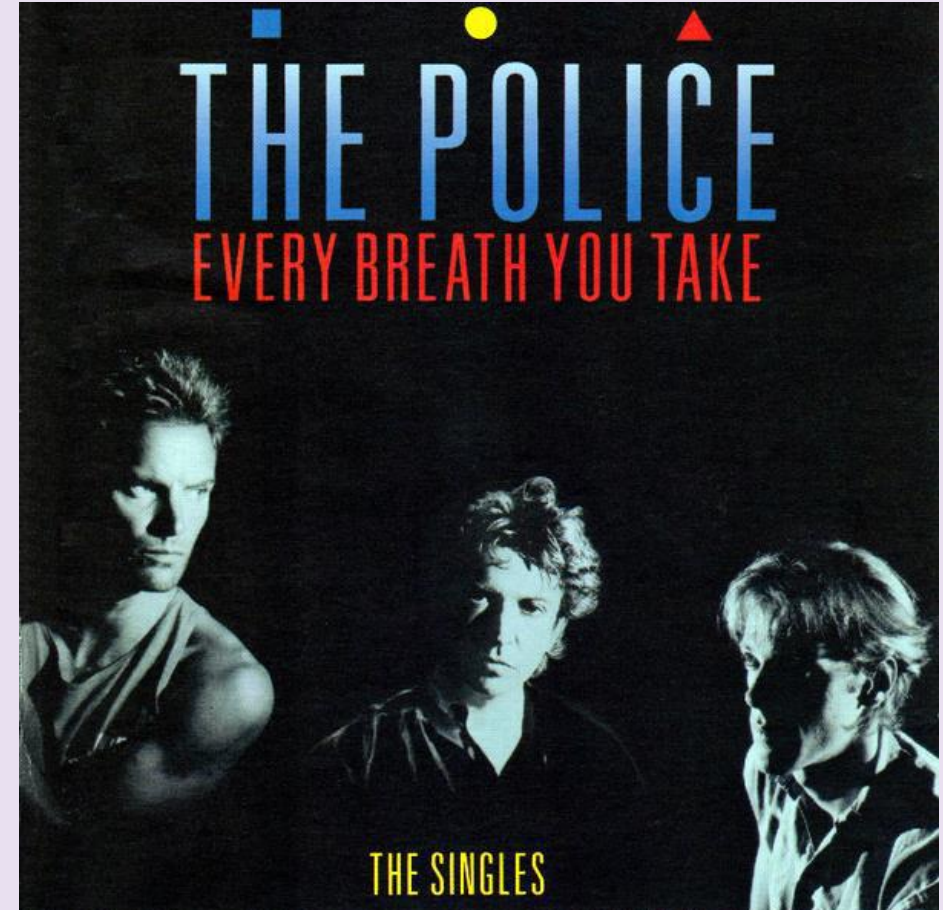
- In 2009 the music video was added to the Library of Congress' National Film Registry, the first ever music video to have that
- The best selling album in the world
- One of the few pop songs to feature a horror theme



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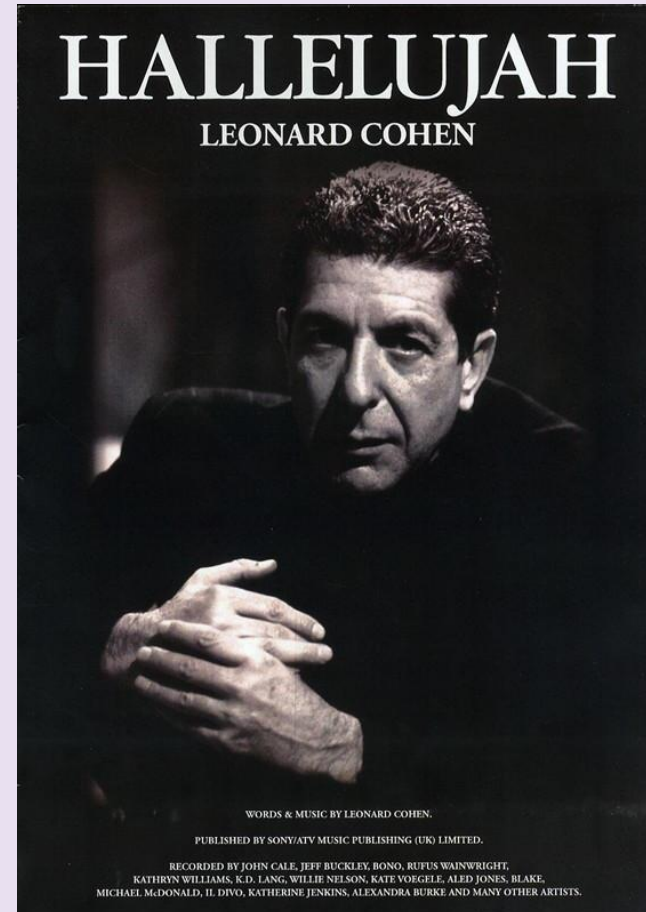
40. Every Breath You Take by The Police (1983) (Modern)

- #84 on Rolling Stone's Greatest Songs of all Time
- Voted #1 1980s song in UK
- Inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Sting (song writer and lead singer) wrote these lyrics about a complicated love affair that broke his heart



41. Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen (1984) (Modern)

- This song has over 300 versions
- 80 draft verses exist for this song
- This song is broadcast every Saturday morning at 2 am by the Israeli Defense Force's Radio
- Took five years to write



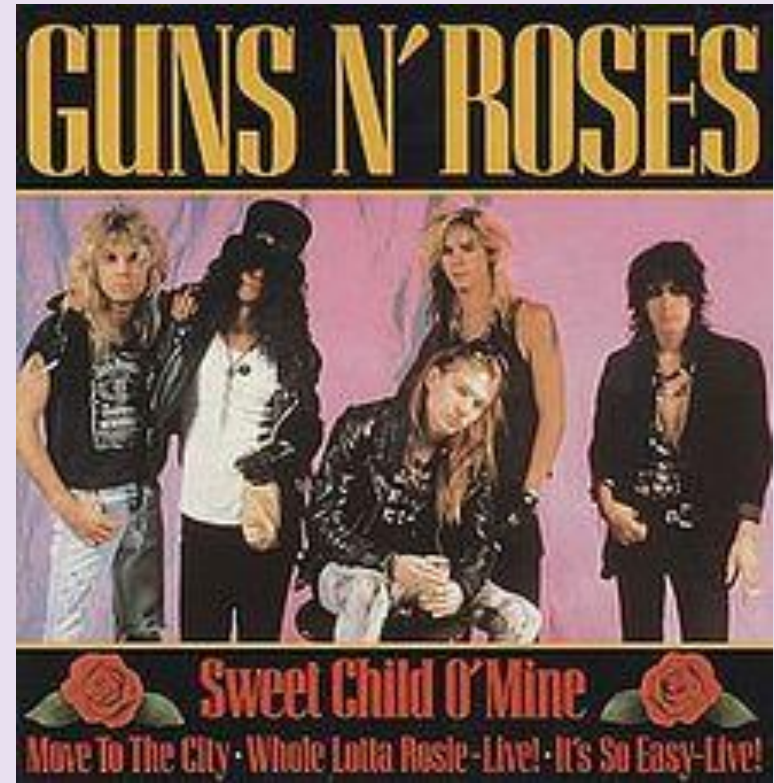
42. Living on a Prayer by Bon Jovi (1986) (Modern)

- Bon Jovi initially hated this song
- He was trying to capture the struggles of the working class during the Reagan era
- Became an anthem for young people in the 1980s, especially those working in New Jersey



43. Sweet Child of Mine by Guns N' Roses (1987) (Modern)

- This is the band's only #1 single in America
- The instrumentals were written in less than an hour
- MTV voted this Best Heavy Metal Video of 1989



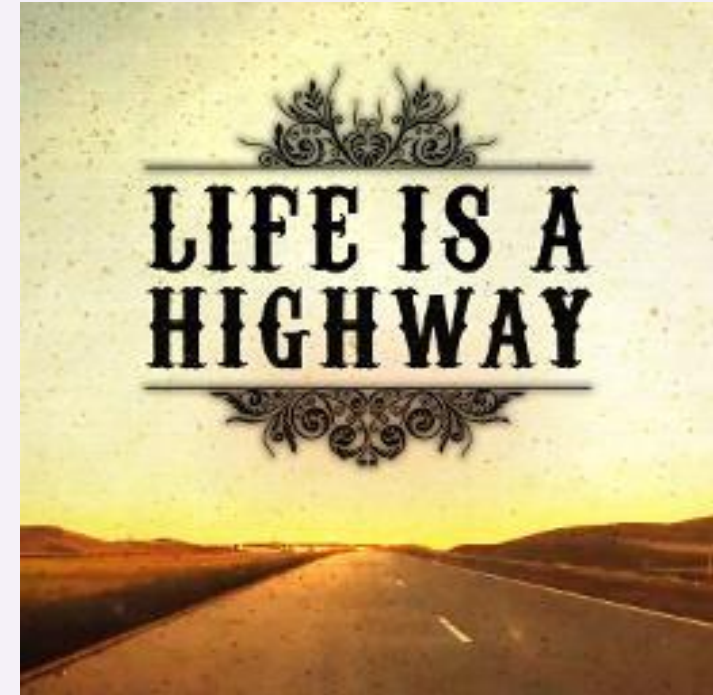
44. Under the Bridge by Red Hot Chili Peppers (1991) (Modern)

- Written to capture loneliness and the effects drugs have on a person's life
- The lyrics were specifically inspired by a relationship Keidis had
- Made Red Hot Chili Peppers a mainstream band



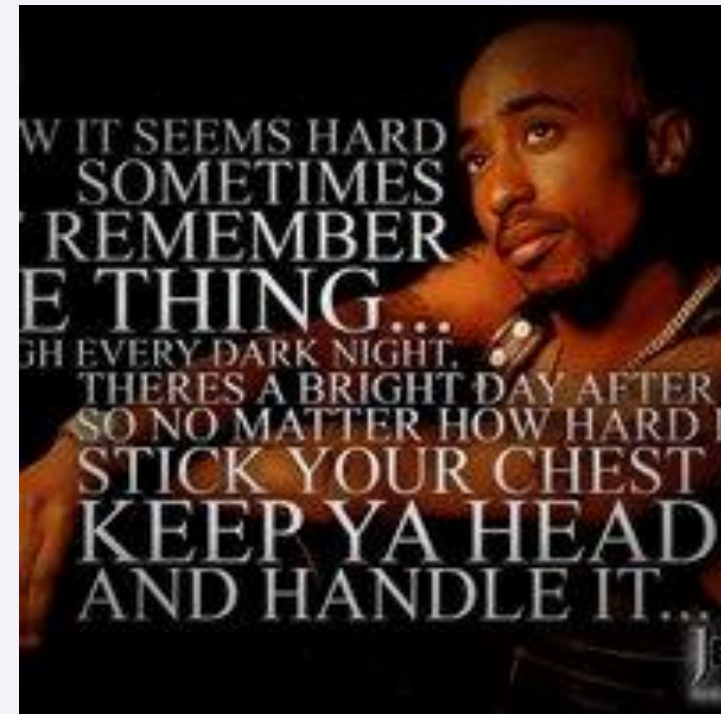
45. Life is a Highway by Tom Cochrane (1991) (Modern)

- Inspired by a depressing trip to West Africa
- Since 1992 this song has been continuously popular thanks to car commercials
- The GJHS and CHS class of 2007 graduation song



46. Keep Ya Head Up by Tupac (1993) (Modern)

- An ode to black women
 - Dedicated to Latasha Harlins
- The first song in the hip hop genre that didn't deal with stereotypes about women
 - Celebrated their strength
- A couple years later, Tupac was accused and convicted of crimes against a woman



47. Macarena by Los Del Rio (1993) (Modern)

- Tells a story about a cheating woman
- VH1's #1 one hit wonder of all time
 - Los Del Rio only ever had one other hit . . . In 1962
- The dance set a world record



48. Black Hole Sun by Soundgarden (1994) (Modern)

- Only took 15 minutes to write
- The lyrics are supposed to capture a surreal dreamscape
- Grammy for Best Hard Rock Performance
- Title comes from a misunderstanding of a news report



49. I Don't Want to Miss a Thing by Aerosmith (1998) (Modern)

- Made for the movie *Armageddon*
 - U2 was supposed to do the version for this
- Diane Warren wrote the lyrics
- This song revived Aerosmith's career



50. Gangnam Style by Psy (2012)

- Most liked video on Youtube
- Described as a Force for World Peace
- Talks about the perfect girlfriend
- Gangnam refers to a district of Seoul

