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**ANNIE'S SONG**

John Denver

You fill up my senses

like a night in the forest

like the mountains in springtime,

like a walk in the rain

like a storm in the desert,

like a sleepy blue ocean

you fill up my senses,

come fill me again.

Come let me love you,

let me give my life to you

let me drown in your laughter,

let me die in your arms

let me lay down beside you,

let me always be with you

come let me love you,

come love me again.

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**AMERICAN PIE**

Don McClean

A long, long time ago...

I can still remember

How that music used to make me smile.

And I knew if I had my chance

That I could make those people dance

And, maybe, they’d be happy for a while.

But February made me shiver

With every paper I’d deliver.

Bad news on the doorstep;

I couldn’t take one more step.

I can’t remember if I cried

When I read about his widowed bride,

But something touched me deep inside

The day the music died.

**Chorus: So bye-bye, Miss American pie.**

**Drove my Chevy to the levee,**

**But the levee was dry.**

**And them good old boys were drinkin’ whiskey and rye**

**Singin’, "this’ll be the day that I die.**

**"this’ll be the day that I die."**

Did you write the book of love,

And do you have faith in God above,

If the Bible tells you so?

Do you believe in rock ’n roll,

Can music save your mortal soul,

And can you teach me how to dance real slow?

Well, I know that you’re in love with him

`cause I saw you dancin’ in the gym.

You both kicked off your shoes.

Man, I dig those rhythm and blues.

I was a lonely teenage broncin’ buck

With a pink carnation and a pickup truck,

But I knew I was out of luck

The day the music died.

I started singin’,

"bye-bye, Miss American pie" …

Now for ten years we’ve been on our own

And moss grows fat on a rollin’ stone,

But that’s not how it used to be.

When the jester sang for the king and queen,

In a coat he borrowed from James Dean

And a voice that came from you and me,

Oh, and while the king was looking down,

The jester stole his thorny crown.

The courtroom was adjourned;

No verdict was returned.

And while Lennon read a book of Marx,

The quartet practiced in the park,

And we sang dirges in the dark

The day the music died.

We were singing,

"bye-bye, Miss American pie" ….

Helter skelter in a summer swelter.

The birds flew off with a fallout shelter,

Eight miles high and falling fast.

It landed foul on the grass.

The players tried for a forward pass,

With the jester on the sidelines in a cast.

Now the half-time air was sweet perfume

While the sergeants played a marching tune.

We all got up to dance,

Oh, but we never got the chance!

`cause the players tried to take the field;

The marching band refused to yield.

Do you recall what was revealed

The day the music died?

We started singing,

"bye-bye, Miss American pie" ….

Oh, and there we were all in one place,

A generation lost in space

With no time left to start again.

So come on: jack be nimble, jack be quick!

Jack flash sat on a candlestick

Cause fire is the devil’s only friend.

Oh, and as I watched him on the stage

My hands were clenched in fists of rage.

No angel born in hell

Could break that Satan’s spell.

And as the flames climbed high into the night

To light the sacrificial rite,

I saw Satan laughing with delight

The day the music died

He was singing,

"bye-bye, Miss American pie …."

I met a girl who sang the blues

And I asked her for some happy news,

But she just smiled and turned away.

I went down to the sacred store

Where I’d heard the music years before,

But the man there said the music wouldn’t play.

And in the streets: the children screamed,

The lovers cried, and the poets dreamed.

But not a word was spoken;

The church bells all were broken.

And the three men I admire most:

The Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost,

They caught the last train for the coast

The day the music died.

And they were singing,

"bye-bye, Miss American pie" ….

They were singing,

"bye-bye, miss American pie" …..

**BAD, BAD, LEROY BROWN**

Jim Croce

Well the south side of Chicago

is the baddest part of town

And if you go down there

you better just beware

of a man named Leroy Brown

Now Leroy, more than trouble

You see he stand 'bout six foot four

All the downtown ladies

call him "Treetop Lover"

All the men just call him "Sir"

Chorus:

And he's bad, bad Leroy Brown

The baddest man in

the whole damn town

Badder than ol' King Kong

Meaner than a junkyard dog

Now Leroy, he a gambler

And he like his fancy clothes

And he like to wear his diamond rings

on everybodys nose

He got a custom Continental

He got an Eldorado too

He got a 32 gun in his pocket for fun

He got a razor in his shoe (chorus)

Well Friday bout a week ago

Leroy shootin' dice

And at the edge of the bar

sat a girl named Doris

and ooh that girl looked nice

Well he cast his eyes upon her

and the trouble soon began

Leroy Brown learned a lesson

'bout messin' with the

wife of a jealous man (chorus)

Well the two men took to fightin'

And when they pulled them from the floor

Leroy looked like a jigsaw puzzle

with a couple of pieces gone (chorus 2x)

Yes he's badder than

ol' King Kong

And meaner than a

junk yard dog

**CLOSE TO YOU**

The Carpenters

Why do birds suddenly appear

Every time you are near?

Just like me, they long to be

Close to you

Why do stars fall down from the sky

Every time you walk by?

Just like me, they long to be

Close to you

On the day that you were born the angels got together

And decided to create a dream come true

So they sprinkled moon dust in your hair

Of golden starlight in your eyes of blue

That is why all the girls in town

(Girls in town)

Follow you (Follow you)

All around (All around)

Just like me, they long to be

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**DESPERADO**

The Eagles

Desperado, why don't you come to your senses

You been out ridin' fences for so long now

Oh, you're a hard one

I know that you got your reasons

These things that are pleasin' you

Can hurt you somehow

Don't you draw the Queen of Diamonds, boy

She'll beat you if she's able

You know the Queen of Hearts is always your best bet

Now, it seems to me some fine things

Have been laid upon your table,

But you only want the ones that you can't get

Desperado, oh, you ain't gettin' no younger

Your pain and your hunger, they're drivin' you home

And freedom, oh freedom, well that's just some people talkin'

Your prison is walking through this world all alone

Don't your feet get cold in the winter time?

The sky won't snow and the sun won't shine

It's hard to tell the night time from the day

You're losin' all your highs and lows;

Ain't it funny how the feeling goes away?

Desperado, why don't you come to your senses?

Come down from your fences; open the gate

It may be rainin', but there's a rainbow above you

You better let somebody love you, before it's too late

**FIRE AND RAIN**

James Taylor

Just yesterday morning they let me know you were gone

Susanne the plans they made put an end to you

I walked out this morning and I wrote down this song

I just can't remember who to send it to

I've seen fire and I've seen rain

I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end

I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend

But I always thought that I'd see you again

Won't you look down upon me, Jesus

You've got to help me make a stand

You've just got to see me through another day

My body's aching and my time is at hand

And I won't make it any other way

Oh, I've seen fire and I've seen rain

I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end

I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend

But I always thought that I'd see you again

Been walking my mind to an easy time my back turned towards the sun

Lord knows when the cold wind blows it'll turn your head around

Well, there's hours of time on the telephone line to talk about things

to come

Sweet dreams and flying machines in pieces on the ground

Oh, I've seen fire and I've seen rain

I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end

I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend

But I always thought that I'd see you, baby, one more time again, now

Thought I'd see you one more time again

There's just a few things coming my way this time around, now

Thought I'd see you, thought I'd see you fire and rain, now

**HOTEL CALIFORNIA**

The Eagles

On a dark desert highway,

cool wind in my hair

Warm smell of colitas,

rising up through the air

Up ahead in the distance,

I saw a shimmering light

My head grew heavy and my sight grew dim

I had to stop for the night

There she stood in the doorway

I heard the mission-bell

And I was thinking to myself,

this could be heaven or this could be hell

Then she lit up a candle and she showed me the way

There were voices down the corridor,

I thought I heard them say...

Welcome to the hotel California

Such a lovely place (Such a lovely place)

Such a lovely face

Plenty of room at the hotel California

Any time of year, (any time of year)

you can find it here

Her mind is tiffany-twisted, she got the Mercedes bends

She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys,

she calls friends

How they dance in the courtyard, sweet summer sweat.

Some dance to remember, some dance to forget

So I called up the captain,

please bring me my wine

He said, we haven't had that spirit here since nineteen sixty nine

And still those voices they're calling from far away,

Wake you up in the middle of the night

Just to hear them say...

Welcome to the hotel California

Such a lovely place (Such a lovely place)

Such a lovely face

They living it up at the hotel California

What a nice surprise, (what a nice surprise)

bring your alibis

Mirrors on the ceiling,

The pink champagne on ice

And she said we are all just prisoners here,

of our own device

And in the master's chambers,

They gathered for the feast

They stab it with their steely knives,

But they just can't kill the beast

Last thing I remember, I was

Running for the door

I had to find the passage back

To the place I was before

Relax, said the night man,

We are programmed to receive.

You can check out any time you like,

But you can never leave!

**IMAGINE**

John Lennon

Imagine there's no Heaven

It's easy if you try

No hell below us

Above us only sky

Imagine all the people

Living for today

Imagine there's no countries

It isn't hard to do

Nothing to kill or die for

And no religion too

Imagine all the people

Living life in peace

You may say that I'm a dreamer

But I'm not the only one

I hope someday you'll join us

And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions

I wonder if you can

No need for greed or hunger

A brotherhood of man

Imagine all the people

Sharing all the world

You may say that I'm a dreamer

But I'm not the only one

I hope someday you'll join us

And the world will live as one

**LEAN ON ME**

Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives

We all have pain, we all have sorrow

But if we are wise

We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me when you're not strong

And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on

For it won't be long

'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please, swallow your pride

If I have things you need to borrow

For no one can fill those of your needs

That you won't let show

You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me when you're not strong

And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on

For it won't be long

'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load

You have to bear that you can't carry

I'm right up the road, I'll share your load

If you just call me

Call me (If you need a friend)

Call me (Call me uh-huh)

Call me (When you need a friend)

Call me (If you ever need a friend)

Call me (Call me) Repeat

**Margaritaville**

Jimmy Buffet

Nibblin' on sponge cake,

watchin' the sun bake;

All of those tourists covered with oil.

Strummin' my six string on my front porch swing.

Smell those shrimp

They're beginnin' to boil.

Wasted away again in Margaritaville,

Searchin' for my lost shaker of salt.

Some people claim that there's a woman to blame,

But I know it's nobody's fault.

Don't know the reason,

Stayed here all season

With nothing to show but this brand new tattoo.

But it's a real beauty,

A Mexican cutie, how it got here

I haven't a clue.

Wasted away again in Margaritaville,

Searchin' for my lost shaker of salt.

Some people claim that there's a woman to blame,

Now I think, - hell it could be my fault.

I blew out my flip flop,

Stepped on a pop top,

Cut my heel, had to cruise on back home.

But there's booze in the blender,

And soon it will render

That frozen concoction that helps me hang on.

Wasted away again in Margaritaville

Searchin' for my lost shaker of salt.

Some people claim that there's a woman to blame,

But I know, it's my own damn fault.

Yes, and some people claim that there's a woman to blame

And I know it's my own damn fault.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH**

John Denver

He was born in the summer of his 27th year

Comin' home to a place he'd never been before

He left yesterday behind him, you might say he was born again

You might say he found a key for every door

When he first came to the mountains his life was far away

On the road and hangin' by a song

But the string's already broken and he doesn't really care

It keeps changin' fast and it don't last for long

But the Colorado rocky mountain high

I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky

The shadow from the starlight is softer than a lullabye

Rocky Mountain high

He climbed cathedral mountains, he saw silver clouds below

He saw everything as far as you can see

And they say that he got crazy once and he tried to touch the sun

And he lost a friend but kept his memory

Now he walks in quiet solitude the forest and the streams

Seeking grace in every step he takes

His sight has turned inside himself to try and understand

The serenity of a clear blue mountain lake

And the Colorado rocky mountain high

I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky

You can talk to God and listen to the casual reply

Rocky Mountain high

Now his life is full of wonder but his heart still knows some fear

Of a simple thing he cannot comprehend

Why they try to tear the mountains down to bring in a couple more

More people, more scars upon the land

And the Colorado rocky mountain high

I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky

I know he'd be a poorer man if he never saw an eagle fly

Rocky Mountain high

It's Colorado rocky mountain high

I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky

Friends around the campfire and everybody's high

Rocky Mountain high

**SCARBOROUGH FAIR**

Simon and Garfunkel

Are you going to Scarborough fair?

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme

Remember me to one who lives there

He once was a true love of mine

Tell him to make me a cambric shirt

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme

Without no seam nor needlework

Then he'll be a true love of mine

Tell him to find me an acre of land

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme

Between the salt water and the sea strand

Then he'll be a true love of mine

Are you going to Scarborough fair?

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme

Remember me to one who lives there

He once was a true love of mine

**STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN**

Led Zeppelin

There's a lady who's sure all that glitters is gold

And she's buying the stairway to heaven.

When she gets there she knows, if the stores are all closed

With a word she can get what she came for.

Ooh, ooh, and she's buying the stairway to heaven.

There's a sign on the wall but she wants to be sure

'Cause you know sometimes words have two meanings.

In a tree by the brook, there's a songbird who sings,

Sometimes all of our thoughts are misgiven.

Ooh, it makes me wonder,

Ooh, it makes me wonder.

There's a feeling I get when I look to the west,

And my spirit is crying for leaving.

In my thoughts I have seen rings of smoke through the trees,

And the voices of those who stand looking.

Ooh, it makes me wonder,

Ooh, it really makes me wonder.

And it's whispered that soon if we all call the tune

Then the piper will lead us to reason.

And a new day will dawn for those who stand long

And the forests will echo with laughter.

If there's a bustle in your hedgerow, don't be alarmed now,

It's just a spring clean for the May queen.

Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run

There's still time to change the road you're on.

And it makes me wonder.

Your head is humming and it won't go, in case you don't know,

The piper's calling you to join him,

Dear lady, can you hear the wind blow, and did you know

Your stairway lies on the whispering wind.

And as we wind on down the road

Our shadows taller than our soul.

There walks a lady we all know

Who shines white light and wants to show

How everything still turns to gold.

And if you listen very hard

The tune will come to you at last.

When all are one and one is all

To be a rock and not to roll.

And she's buying the stairway to heaven.

**TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS**

John Denver

Almost heaven, West Virginia

Blue Ridge Mountains

Shenandoah River -

Life is old there

Older than the trees

Younger than the mountains

Growin like a breeze

Country Roads, take me home

To the place I belong

West Virginia, mountain momma

Take me home, country roads

All my memories gathered round her

Miners lady, stranger to blue water

Dark and dusty, painted on the sky

Misty taste of moonshine

Teardrops in my eye

Country Roads, take me home

To the place I belong

West Virginia, mountain momma

Take me home, country roads

I hear her voice

In the mornin hour she calls me

The radio reminds me of my home far away

And drivin down the road I get a feelin

That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday

Country Roads, take me home

To the place I belong

West Virginia, mountain momma

Take me home, country roads

Country Roads, take me home

To the place I belong

West Virginia, mountain momma

Take me home, country roads

Take me home, now country roads

Take me home, now country roads

**TOP OF THE WORLD**

The Carpenters

Such a feelin's comin' over me

There is wonder in 'most ev'ry thing I see

Not a cloud in the sky, got the sun in my eyes

And I won't be surprised if it's a dream

Everything I want the world to be

Is now comin' true especially for me

And the reason is clear, it's because you are here

You're the nearest thing to heaven that I've seen

I'm on the top of the world lookin' down on creation

And the only explanation I can find

Is the love that I've found ever since you've been around

Your love's put me at the top of the world

Somethin' in the wind has learned my name

And it's tellin' me that things are not the same

In the leaves on the trees and the touch of the breeze

There's a pleasin' sense of happiness for me

There is only one wish on my mind

When this day is through I hope that I will find

That tomorrow will be just the same for you and me

All I need will be mine if you are here

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Is the love that I've found ever since you've been around

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**YOU ARE THE SUNSHINE OF MY LIFE**

Stevie Wonder

You are the sunshine of my life

That's why I'll always be around,

You are the apple of my eye,

Forever you'll stay in my heart

I feel like this is the beginning,

Though I've loved you for a million years,

And if I thought our love was ending,

I'd find myself drowning in my own tears

You are the sunshine of my life,

That's why I'll always stay around,

You are the apple of my eye,

Forever you'll stay in my heart

You must have known that I was lonely,

Because you came to my rescue,

And I know that this must be heaven,

How could so much love be inside of you?

You are the sunshine of my life, yeah,

That's why I'll always stay around,

You are the apple of my eye,

Forever you'll stay in my heart

[Background] Love has joined us,

Love has joined us,

Let's think sweet love

**YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND**

James Taylor

When you're down and troubled

And you need a helping hand

And nothin', wo nothin' is going right

Close your eyes and think of me

And soon I will be there

To brighten up even your darkest night.

You just call out my name

And you know wherever I am

I'll come runnin', oh yeah babe

To see you again

Winter, spring, summer, or fall

Now all you got to do is call

And I'll be there, yeah yeah yeah

You've got a friend.

If the sky above you

Should turn dark and full of clouds

And that 'ol north wind should begin to blow

Keep your head together

And call my name out loud, now

Soon I'll be knockin' upon your door.

You just call out my name

And you know wherever I am

I'll come runnin', oh yes I will

To see you again

Winter, spring, summer, or fall, yeah

All you got to do is call

And I'll be there, yeah yeah yeah

Hey ain't it good to know that you've got a friend

When people can be so cold

They'll hurt you, and desert you

Well they'll take your soul if you let them

Oh yeah, but don't you let them.

You just call out my name (out my name)

And you know wherever I am

I'll come runnin'

To see you again, oh babe, don't you know 'bout

Winter, spring, summer, or fall

Hey now all you got to do is call

Lord I'll be there, yes I will, oh

You've got a friend.

You've got a friend, yeah

Ain't it good to know you've got a friend

Ain't it good to know you've got a friend

Oh yeah, yeah

You've got a friend.

**YOUR SONG**

Elton John

It's a little bit funny this feeling inside

I'm not one of those who can easily hide

I don't have much money but boy if I did

I'd buy a big house where we both could live

If I was a sculptor, but then again, no

Or a man who makes potions in a travelling show

I know it's not much but it's the best I can do

My gift is my song and this one's for you

And you can tell everybody this is your song

It may be quite simple but now that it's done

I hope you don't mind, I hope you don't mind

that I put down in words

How wonderful life is while you're in the world

I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss

Well a few of the verses well they've got me quite cross

But the sun's been quite kind while I wrote this song

It's for people like you that keep it turned on

So excuse me forgetting but these things I do

You see I've forgotten if they're green or they're blue

Anyway the thing is what I really mean

Yours are the sweetest eyes I've ever seen