

## EZ Name That Tune

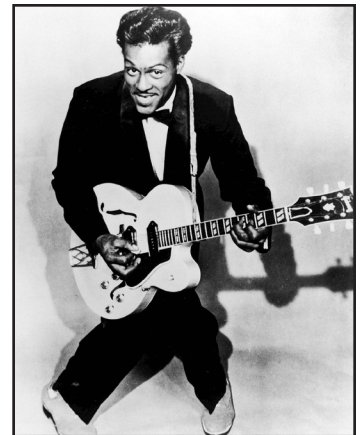
Can you name some of these well-known songs?

### Preparation & How-To's

- Get ready to play the audio clues from the [Spotify playlist](#). **Tip:** Play the refrain or chorus of the song to increase participants' success in guessing.
- The clues are more challenging at first and then become easier. Read the clues. Pause between each clue for a response.
- If the group guesses the song correctly, continue reading all the clues to prompt discussion and reminiscence. Then play the song and encourage people to sing along.

### Songs

- ["Heartbreak Hotel"](#) – Elvis Presley
- ["Roll Over Beethoven"](#) – Chuck Berry
- ["Put on a Happy Face"](#) – Dick Van Dyke in *Bye Bye Birdie*
- ["I Only Have Eyes for You"](#) – The Flamingos
- ["Leader of the Pack"](#) – The Shangri-Las
- ["I Left My Heart in San Francisco"](#) – Tony Bennett
- ["Johnny B. Goode"](#) – Chuck Berry
- ["The Great Pretender"](#) – The Platters
- ["Singin' in the Rain"](#) – Gene Kelly in *Singin' in the Rain*
- ["That'll Be the Day"](#) – Buddy Holly and The Crickets
- ["I Could Have Danced All Night"](#) – Julie Andrews in *My Fair Lady*
- ["Blueberry Hill"](#) – Fats Domino
- ["I Get Around"](#) – The Beach Boys
- ["Great Balls of Fire"](#) – Jerry Lee Lewis
- ["Blue Suede Shoes"](#) – Elvis Presley
- ["Blowin' in the Wind"](#) – Bob Dylan
- ["Wake Up Little Susie"](#) – The Everly Brothers
- ["My Favorite Things"](#) – Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*
- ["I Walk the Line"](#) – Johnny Cash and The Tennessee Two
- ["Take Me Home, Country Roads"](#) – John Denver



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## #1

1. Elvis Presley recorded this song in 1956.
2. The song is about an individual who is experiencing heartache.
3. “Heartbreak \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Heartbreak Hotel”](#)

**Did you know?** The Heartbreak Hotel mentioned in the song is fictional, but the song’s success inspired the creation of a real hotel called Heartbreak Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. It closed in 2016.

## #2

1. Chuck Berry wrote and recorded this song in 1956.
2. The lyrics convey the idea that the new and exciting genre of rock and roll has become so popular and influential that even Beethoven would need to make way for it.
3. “Roll Over \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Roll Over Beethoven”](#)

**Did you know?** The Beatles covered “Roll Over Beethoven” on their second UK album, *With the Beatles*, which was released in 1963. Their version further popularized the song and introduced Chuck Berry’s music to a global audience.

## #3

1. This song is from the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*, which was first performed on Broadway in 1960.
2. The song’s lyrics are full of optimistic advice, like “spread sunshine all over the place” and “if you’re feeling cross and bickerish, don’t sit and whine.”
3. “Put on a Happy \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Put on a Happy Face”](#)

**Did you know?** The song was performed by Dick Van Dyke in the original Broadway production and later became even more famous when it was featured in the 1963 film.

## #4

1. This song was written by composer Harry Warren and lyricist Al Dubin, and it was featured in the movie *Dames* (1934).
2. The song’s lyrics convey that the singer is completely captivated by their loved one, and no one else in the world holds their attention.
3. “I Only Have Eyes \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“I Only Have Eyes for You”](#)

**Did you know?** One of the earliest and most famous recordings of “I Only Have Eyes for You” was by vocal group the Flamingos in 1959. Their version became a huge hit, reaching the top of the charts, and is often considered the definitive rendition of the song.

## #5

1. All-girl group the Shangri-Las released this song in 1964.
2. The sound of a motorcycle (*vroom vroom*) and screeching tires is heard in the song.
3. “Leader of the \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Leader of the Pack”](#)

**Did you know?** This song became one of the signature songs of the Shangri-Las. “Leader of the Pack” has been used in many commercials over the years, including for Levi’s jeans, Target, AT&T, and Frito-Lay.

## #6

1. This is Tony Bennett’s signature song.
2. The song’s lyrics express a sentimental longing for the city of San Francisco.
3. “I Left My Heart in \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“I Left My Heart in San Francisco”](#)

**Did you know?** The song’s popularity endured over the years, and it has been covered and performed by numerous artists. It remains an iconic anthem for San Francisco and is often associated with the city’s vibrant culture and scenic beauty.

## #7

1. Chuck Berry recorded this song in 1958, and it became one of his most famous and influential songs.
2. The lyrics tell the story of a young country boy named Johnny, a skilled guitar player who dreams of becoming a famous musician.
3. “Johnny B. \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Johnny B. Goode”](#)

**Did you know?** “Johnny B. Goode” is often considered one of the pioneering songs of rock and roll. Its catchy guitar riffs and energetic rhythm made it a defining track of the genre, and it influenced countless musicians who came after Chuck Berry.

## #8

1. The Platters recorded and released this song in 1955.
2. The song tells the story of someone who pretends to be happy and carefree in front of others, but deep down, they are hiding their true feelings of loneliness and heartache.

3. “The Great \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“The Great Pretender”](#)

**Did you know?** In 1990, the Platters were rightfully recognized for their significant contributions to the music industry when they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

## #9

1. This song was performed by Gene Kelly in the 1952 movie musical of the same name.
2. The dance performance during the song’s sequence has become one of the most famous moments in movie history.
3. “Singin’ in the \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Singin’ in the Rain”](#)

**Did you know?** The famous “Singin’ in the Rain” dance sequence performed by Gene Kelly in the film was not entirely scripted. While the choreography was planned, the rain and puddle splashing were not. Kelly was originally supposed to dance under a covered area, but he decided to embrace the rain and added the iconic moments on the spot, making it a spontaneous and unforgettable part of the scene.

## #10

1. Buddy Holly and the Crickets recorded this song in 1957.
2. It is a defiant and empowering song that inspires listeners to have confidence in themselves and to boldly pursue their goals, regardless of the challenges they may face.
3. “That’ll Be the \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“That’ll Be the Day”](#)

**Did you know?** The song’s title and chorus come from a phrase that Buddy Holly heard in the 1956 John Wayne movie *The Searchers*. The words “that’ll be the day” are used in the movie as a tough guy’s retort, and Buddy Holly turned it into a memorable and defiant refrain in his song.

## #11

1. This is a song from the musical *My Fair Lady*, which was first performed on Broadway in 1956.
2. In the song, Eliza Doolittle is so elated and swept off her feet after attending a ball that she feels like she could have danced the night away.
3. “I Could Have Danced All \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“I Could Have Danced All Night”](#)

**Did you know?** “My Fair Lady” was adapted into a highly successful film in 1964, starring Audrey Hepburn as Eliza Doolittle and Rex Harrison as Henry Higgins. Although Hepburn was a talented actress, she didn’t have much experience as a singer. As a result, her singing voice was dubbed over by Marni Nixon.

## #12

1. Fats Domino recorded this song, which is the most popular version, in 1956.
2. The song reflects on a time when a couple was happy together on a hill, where they shared their dreams and vows.
3. “Blueberry \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Blueberry Hill”](#)

**Did you know?** “Blueberry Hill” was written by Vincent Rose, Al Lewis, and Larry Stock. It was first recorded in 1940 and has been recorded by numerous artists since.

## #13

1. The Beach Boys released this song in 1964, and it became one of the band’s biggest hits.
2. The song celebrates the joy of traveling and exploring different places with friends, emphasizing the fun and freedom that comes with being on the move.
3. “I Get \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“I Get Around”](#)

**Did you know?** The song’s success further solidified the Beach Boys’ reputation as one of the most influential bands of the 1960s. Their harmonious vocal arrangements and unique sound made “I Get Around” a timeless classic that continues to be loved by music fans of all ages.

## #14

1. This song was recorded by Jerry Lee Lewis in 1957.
2. The title is a metaphorical expression, representing the fiery and explosive feeling of being in love.
3. “Great Balls of \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Great Balls of Fire”](#)

**Did you know?** “Great Balls of Fire” became a massive hit, reaching No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and topping the charts in other countries. Jerry Lee Lewis’ energetic and charismatic performance, combined with the song’s memorable melody, contributed to its widespread popularity.

## #15

1. This song was written and first recorded by Carl Perkins but made famous by Elvis Presley.
2. The song is about a man warning others not to step on his prized blue shoes, symbolizing individuality and personal style.
3. “Blue Suede \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Blue Suede Shoes”](#)

**Did you know?** “Blue Suede Shoes” holds the distinction of being one of the few songs in history to be inducted into three different music halls of fame—the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Grammy Hall of Fame, and the Blues Hall of Fame—highlighting its lasting impact and importance in music history.

## #16

1. This is a 1962 folk song written and sung by singer-songwriter Bob Dylan.
2. The refrain “The answer, my friend, is blowin’ in the wind” suggests that the solutions might be right in front of us if we only take the time to look.
3. “Blowin’ in the \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Blowin’ in the Wind”](#)

**Did you know?** The song’s popularity extended far beyond Bob Dylan’s original version. Many other artists, including [Joan Baez](#) and [Peter, Paul and Mary](#), covered “Blowin’ in the Wind.” These covers further helped spread the song’s message and solidified its place as a timeless and influential piece of music.

## #17

1. This popular song was released in 1957 by musical duo the Everly Brothers.
2. The song’s lyrics tell a humorous and innocent story of a young couple, Susie and her boyfriend, who fall asleep during a movie date and wake up long after the movie has ended.
3. “Wake Up Little \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“Wake Up Little Susie”](#)

**Did you know?** Despite its initial popularity, the song faced some controversy due to its depiction of a teenage couple facing moral dilemmas. Some radio stations banned the song, and it stirred debates about censorship and the appropriateness of certain themes in popular music.

## #18

1. Julie Andrews sings this song in the 1959 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The Sound of Music*.
2. The song’s lyrics consist of a series of comforting and enjoyable things that bring joy to Maria, such as raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens, bright copper kettles, and warm, woolen mittens.
3. “My Favorite \_\_\_\_\_”
4. Audio Clue: [“My Favorite Things”](#)

**Did you know?** “My Favorite Things” has become a beloved holiday song, and it is often associated with the Christmas season. While the song is not explicitly about Christmas, its cozy and heartwarming imagery has led to its frequent inclusion in holiday music playlists and performances.

## #19

1. This country song by Johnny Cash was released in 1956 and became one of his most famous and enduring hits.
2. The singer emphasizes that he keeps a close watch on his actions and emotions, making sure to avoid any behavior that might jeopardize his relationship.

3. "I Walk the \_\_\_\_\_"

4. Audio Clue: ["I Walk the Line"](#)

**Did you know?** The song's title was used as the title of a 2005 biographical film about the life and career of Johnny Cash. The film stars Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash and Reese Witherspoon as June Carter Cash, Johnny Cash's second wife.

## #20

1. This song was released in 1971 and became one of John Denver's most beloved hits.

2. The song's lyrics are about the beauty and charm of the countryside, particularly in the state of West Virginia.

3. "Take Me Home, Country \_\_\_\_\_"

4. Audio Clue: ["Take Me Home, Country Roads"](#)

**Did you know?** The song was written by Bill Danoff and Taffy Nivert. The duo was inspired by postcards from a friend who lived in West Virginia and by a radio station from Wheeling, West Virginia, that they listened to as children. They originally wanted to write the song for Johnny Cash, but John Denver loved it and helped them finish it. The song was also adopted as one of the official state songs of West Virginia in 2014.

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