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Feature Photo: Randy Miramontez / Shutterstock.com There have been thousands of songs written about the moon in pop music culture. Three distinctive reasons fuel songwriters' desire to write about the moon. One is romance, of course, and the other two are adventure and horror. Obviously, there's been much more written about romance than adventure and horror, but some good ones have floated around the Dark Side of the Moon. Our favorite Moon songs with a rock edge tend to be a mix of both. There are so many. We start out with our top 10 and then added the rest in random order. # 10 – Moondance We open up our 50 Classic Rock Songs About The Moon list with the marvelous song entitled "Moondance." This was the first one we thought of. Van Morrison's iconic song is easily one of the coolest songs ever written. The way he balanced the styles of jazz, R&B, and rock into one song helped him capture a huge audience for this classic track. The song was released on the album, also entitled Moondance. It was the third single released from the album. What was so interesting about the song "Moondance" was that it was not released as a single until seven years after the album had been released. The musicians on the song included Van Morrison on vocals and guitar, Jeff Labes on piano, John Klingberg on bass, Gary Mallaber on drums, John Platania on guitar, Jack Schroer on alto saxophone, and Collin Tilton on tenor saxophone and flute. # 9 – Johnny Moon – Heart Continuing with our 50 Classic Rock Songs About The Moon list, we showcase one of Heart's lesser known songs called "Johnny Moon." The song was released on the album entitled Passionworks. This is probably Hearts' most underrated album. It is filled with great rockers and moody mid-tempo ballads like Johnny Moon. The album was released in 1983. The album also featured longtime Montrose and Sammy Hagar drummer Denny Carmassi. # 8 – Dancing In The Moonlight (It's Caught Me In It's Spotlight) – Thin Lizzy In the number eight spot on our 50 Classic Rock Songs About The Moon list, we go back in time to one of our favorite bands of all time with the song "Dancing In The Moonlight." No, we are not talking about King Harvest. We are talking about the iconic Thin Lizzy. The band's grand song "Dancing In The Moonlight (It's Caught Me In It's Spotlight)" was released on the Bad Reputation album. The album was released in the fall of 1977. Listen to that cool bass groove Phil Lynott plays. This one has always been one of our favorite Thin Lizzy songs # 7 – Moon Crazy – Blue Oyster Cult Whenever we get a chance to talk about Blue Oyster Cult, we will jump on it. The song "Moon Crazy" was released on the band's album Mirrors. The album was released in 1970. The song "Moon Crazy" was composed and sung by Joe Bouchard. It's a cool tune that defines the sound of 1979 when rock and roll was going through some heavy changes with the sounds of a new wave dominating radio and all that. # 6 – Sister Moonshine – Supertramp Landing in the number six spot on our 50 Classic Rock Songs About, The Moon list we present the song Sister Moonshine. This cool tune was done by fan-favorite Supertramp. No one sounded like Supertramp. I could listen to their vocals all day alone. The song was released on the album entitled Crisis? What Crisis?. The album was released in 1975. I love that guitar solo at the song's end. It's just so tasty. # 5 – Moon In June – Soft Machine We throw one in for progressive rock music fans at the halfway point on our 150 Classic Rock Songs About The Moon list. One of our favorite bands in the genre has always been Soft Machine. The pulsating song "Moon In June" was issued on the album entitled Third. The album was released in 1970. The band went through a lot of lineups over the years. The lineup for their third album featured Elton Dean on sax, Mike Ratledge on keys, Hugh Hopper on bass, and Robert Wyatt on drums and vocals, who also composed the song. # 4 – The Moon Upstairs – Mott The Hoople We present the raging song "The Moon Upstairs" at the number four spot. Mott The Hoople seems to be channeling a little of The Who on this one. Nonetheless, this scorching rocker stands as one of our favorite Mott songs. Ian Hunter and Mick Ralphs wrote "The Moon Upstairs." It first appeared on the band's Brain Capers album. The version below is live from 2013. # 3 – Moon Over Kentucky – Sparks We can never get enough Sparks on this site. This is a band that we feel hasn't been appreciated on a mass level like they should have been. Just take a listen to this very creepy song and tell us you don't love these guys. Ron Mael's organ sounds on the track will leave you calling for your mama. The song was released on Spark's second album entitled A Woofer in Tweeter's Clothing. The album was released in 1973. # 2 – Moonage Daydream – David Bowie Man we really miss David Bowie when we listen back to songs like this. David Bowie's intoxicating "Moonage Dream" was released on our favorite David Bowie album entitled The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars. Ziggy was David Bowie's fifth studio album. It was released in 1971. It's incredible how good this album still sounds over 50 years later in 2024. # 1 – Moonlight Mile This one always finds a way into conversations when we write articles about Rolling Stones songs. How could it not? It's one of the best songs The Rolling Stones ever recorded. The song was initially released on the band's iconic album Sticky Fingers. One of the most interesting aspects of the songs was that Keith Richards did not appear on the recording. The guitar parts were played by Mick Taylor. The piano part was performed by Jim Price. Also appearing on the track were Mick Jagger, Charlie Watts, and Bill Wyman., And now the rest..... The song "Bad Moon Rising" was released on Creedence Clearwater Revival's album Green River in 1969. Composed by John Fogerty, it peaked at number 2 on the Billboard Hot 100. 12 – "Brain Damage/Eclipse" – Pink Floyd "Brain Damage/Eclipse" is the closing track on Pink Floyd's album The Dark Side of the Moon, released in 1973. The songs were composed by Roger Waters and reached number 1 on the US Billboard 200 as part of the album. 13 – "Bark at the Moon" – Ozzy Osbourne The song "Bark at the Moon" was released on Ozzy Osbourne's album Bark at the Moon in 1983. Composed by Ozzy Osbourne, it reached number 12 on the UK Singles Chart. 14 – "Man on the Moon" – R.E.M. "Man on the Moon" was released on R.E.M.'s album Automatic for the People in 1992. The song reached number 30 on the Billboard Hot 100 and number 18 on the UK Singles Chart. It was composed by Bill Berry, Peter Buck, Mike Mills, and Michael Stipe. "Moonchild" is a track from King Crimson's album In the Court of the Crimson King, released in 1969. The song was composed by Robert Fripp, Ian McDonald, Greg Lake, and Michael Giles. 16 – "Harvest Moon" – Neil Young "Harvest Moon" is the title track of Neil Young's album Harvest Moon, released in 1992. Neil Young is credited as the composer. The song did not chart significantly. 17 – "Sister Moon" – Sting "Sister Moon" was featured on Sting's album …Nothing Like the Sun, released in 1987. Sting is the composer of the song. 18 – "Walking on the Moon" – The Police "Walking on the Moon" was released on The Police's album Reggatta de Blanc in 1979. Composed by Sting, the song reached number 1 on the UK Singles Chart. 19 – "Kiko and the Lavender Moon" – Los Lobos "Kiko and the Lavender Moon" is from Los Lobos' album Kiko, released in 1992. The song was composed by David Hidalgo and Louie Pérez. 20 – "Brain Damage/Eclipse" – Pink Floyd "Brain Damage/Eclipse" is the closing track on Pink Floyd's album The Dark Side of the Moon, released in 1973. The songs were composed by Roger Waters and reached number 1 on the US Billboard 200 as part of the album. 21 – Moonlight Drive – The Doors The song "Moonlight Drive" was released on the Doors album Strange Days. The album was released in 1967. The song Moonlight Drive was released as the b-side to the song "Love Me Two Times." The single hit number seven on the US Billboard Hit 100. The song was composed by Jim Morrison, Ray Manzarek, Robby Krieger, and John Densmore. "Dancing in the Moonlight" was released by King Harvest on their album Dancing in the Moonlight in 1972. The song, composed by Sherman Kelly, peaked at number 13 on the Billboard Hot 100. 23 – "Full Moon" – The Kinks "Full Moon" is a track from The Kinks' album Sleepwalker, released in 1977. The song was composed by Ray Davies. 50 Classic Rock Songs About The Moon article published on Classic RockHistory.com© 2023 Classicrockhistory.com claims ownership of all its original content and Intellectual property under United States Copyright laws and those of all other foreign countries. No one person, business, or organization is allowed to re-publish any of our original content anywhere on the web or in print without our permission. All photos used are either supplied by the artists, public domain Creative Commons photos, or licensed officially from Shutterstock under license with ClassicRockHistory.com. 99 songs, 6 h 38 minutes of similar songs, enjoy!The Sidewinder Sleeps ToniteSign in to get more songs The moon is a major factor in many of the most popular songs ever written. Songs about the moon are often romantic, reflecting on how it illuminates our nights with its light. Some songs are also simply about the moon itself and the effect this celestial body has had on us throughout history. For others, they may be metaphors for life's phases or cycles – waxing and waning like the tides. Whatever they're about, these 44 best-songs about the moon have stood out as some of the most memorable to date. This song was released in 2002 and was part of the album Come Away with Me. The song has a strong acoustics feature making it popular for sober occasions. It is best for a slow dance. The song talks about how love changes like the seasons. Next: Best sad songs of all time to feel down to The Moon's A Harsh Mistress (Remastered 2001) Glen Campbell released the song in 1974 and is part of the album The Best of Glen Campbell. Its lyrics talk about life challenges and how it can be hard to overcome them. It has a strong melody that makes it suitable for various settings. It is best paired with an easy dance step and slow-moving choreography. Next: Top songs about life and all it entails Bruno Mars - Talking To The Moon (Lyrics) This song was released in 2010 and is part of the album Doo – Hoops & Hooligans. The lyrics are about how it feels to be away from someone you love. The song has a smooth melody that makes it suitable for most occasions. Next: Songs about missing someone and being far away Glenn Miller & His Orchestra - Moonlight Serenade (Audio) Moonlight Serenade was written in 1935 but released four years later. Miller wrote the lyrics to the song while he was a trombone player. The song performed well in the charts in both the U.K. and the U.S. It was number 12 and 3 respectively. The song is about two lovers spending time together. Next: Most romantic and beautiful love songs of all time Nanci Griffith - Once In A Very Blue Moon Griffith released this hit number in 1984 as the lead single from her album "Once In a Very Blue Moon." The song was written by Nanci herself and helped her establish her career as a musician. The song talks about the struggles that come after parting with a loved one. Savage Garden - To The Moon & Back (Extended Version) The Australian duo didn't realize how big of a hit this song would become when they released it in 1997. They wrote the lyrics first and then paired them with a melody to complete the song. The song reached number twenty-four in the United States. It was Savage Garden's only song to reach this achievement, but it also hit number two on the Australian ARIA charts. Grace VanderWaal - Moonlight (Video) Grace was born on January 15, 2004, in Kansas and began her musical career by posting videos on Youtube. The song was part of the album Just the Beginning, released in 2017. The song is about fighting depression and the challenges it presents. Next: The best songs about depression and its challenges Brooks & Dunn - Neon Moon (Official Audio) The duo released the song as a track number in their album, Brand New Man. The lyrics describe a man in love with a woman who has walked out on him and is brokenhearted. The song was top on the Country Chart for three consecutive weeks. Next: Best songs about breakups in a relationship Andy William's version of Moon River was no. 89 on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart in 1962. The song is about a man longing to be in the arms of his lover. He is willing to do anything for her, even if it means he has to cross an ocean to get to her. Next: The top songs about ocean, sailing and the sea Sade - The Moon And The Sky Sade originally debuted this song on her 2011 album "Ultimate Collection" as a single, and it was no. 54 on the billboard. The song is about giving up on a relationship after trying your best. Kina - get you the moon (Lyrics) ft. Snow Get You The Moon is a song about being ready to get the impossible for someone you love. The song was released in 2018 under Columbia Records. It's a very catchy song to be used as workout motivation! Next: Best inspirational songs to get motivated R.E.M. - Man On The Moon (Official HD Music Video) The song's inspiration came from the late comedian Andy Kaufman. Michael Stipe, the lead singer, wrote this song and it is about Kaufman's alter impersonation of Elvis. The song features a darkly-humorous lyric, sung by Stipe in his distinctive nasal voice. Its lyrical content is about the duality of human nature and how the world often sees the worst in us. The song's lyrics are famously known for their oblique nature, attributed to Stipe's writing style. Its lyrics seem semi-autobiographical, as Stipe said that the song was a "huge exorcism for me" and that he had been holding onto the song for years. The lyrics are often attributed to Kaufman, as Stipe said it was a "eulogy." It's known for being one of R.E.M.'s most successful songs to date, reaching #19 on the Billboard Hot 100. The song was also successful in the U.K., reaching #19 on the British singles chart. Next: The best nature songs about the environment and earth XXXTENTACION - MOONLIGHT (OFFICIAL MUSIC VIDEO) The term "Moonlight" in the song is used to depict XXXTentacion's success as an artist and compliment a girl he is crushing on. This song was released on March 24, 2018, and was one of his big performances before he passed. However, the musician had it hard dealing with all the fame that his career brought him. Next: The best songs about crushes The song was part of the album Wild Things Run Very Fast, released in 1982. It tells the story of how people don't know how to value what they have. They keep using things and tossing them away in the same way that people don't want to value what is in front of them. Kalash - Mwaka Moon ft. Damso This French song was released in October 2017, and it has a reggae tone to it. The song is a funky one and will have you on your feet dancing to it. It performed well in the charts in Belgium and France by clinching the top position. This was the signature song for the album Moon River released in 2018, and it talked about wandering one's mind. John and Henry are the original writers of this song. Many artists have covered this song over the years, most famously by Frank Sinatra and Jerry Butler. The song was written for Audrey Hepburn in the movie Breakfast at Tiffany's and was originally called Audrey. The song didn't make the cut and went unreleased for 11 years before it finally saw the light of day in the movie Days of Wine and Roses. Next: Best cover songs of all time (most important covers) Howling at the Moon was released in 2016 and talks about a man having a hard time with his girlfriend. He wants to run away from reality and its problems. The song itself has come under quite some criticism by the listeners due to its lyrics. This is another song by Sam Hunt released in 2015. The story of this song is about a man who meets an attractive woman. He tries to impress her by inviting her over for dinner. The girl loves the idea but never shows up. This song is a great one to listen to when you are in the mood for some little bit of country music. Yusuf / Cat Stevens - Moonshadow (Live, 1971) The song was released in 1971 and is one of the most famous songs about the moon. It is also one of Cat Steven's most popular songs, which you can find in several albums. The song is about finding hope even in hopeless situations. It talks about taking life as it is and being joyful in the present moment. This song was released in 1985 as part of the album The Dream of the Blue Turtles. It has strong beats and was recorded in one take. The song talks about struggling with inner feelings on the actions one is supposed to take. Moondance (2013 Remaster) The song charted at no. 92 in the U.S. charts and is featured on the third studio album by Northern Irish singer-songwriter Van Morrison. The album is widely regarded as one of the greatest albums ever recorded and a definitive example of jazz-inspired rock music with pop overtones. In their November 2008 issue, Rolling Stone magazine placed the album at number 39 on their list of some of the greatest albums of all time. Next: Top songs of all time (the best ever) Dancing in the Moonlight (Original Recording) - King Harvest Dancing in the Moonlight charted no. 13 in the U.S. charts and was released as a single in 1973. It is a great song and was the first song that King Harvest recorded and released as a group. Neil Young - Harvest Moon [Official Music Video] This song is a clear illustration of the Neil Young sound and refers to his album Harvest Moon. The song is full of allusions referring both to the harvest moon and Neil Young's own life. It has a distinct folk sound to it, with the organ used in place of the guitar – something that would not have been out of place during the psychedelic folk movement in the 1960s. The song is best known for its famous chorus, which many artists have covered over the years. Fly Me To The Moon – Frank Sinatra and Count Basie This was one of the first jazz songs to top number one on the pop chart and was written in 1954 by Bart Howard. The song is about a man asking the moon to fly him away, with the lyrics "Fly me on a magic carpet ride." The song was recorded by many artists over the years and has appeared in many movies and T.V. shows. They even used the song to send astronauts home from the moon as a morse code signal for help. Next: The absolute best jazz songs of all time David Bowie- 03 Moonage Daydream This song was released on the album The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars, released in 1972. It is perhaps one of Bowie's most famous songs and was one of the last songs recorded for the album. The song is full of allusions to Bowie's past, including his interest in Buddhism and bisexuality. Bowie has said that the song is about "alienation, my feelings of alienation at the time." Next: Most impactful songs about loneliness and being alone Bob gave this song a country-rock style, reminiscent of his earlier hits. The song is a clear composition referencing the breakup of Seger's first marriage – something that Seger has never admitted to. The lyrics reflect how he felt after the breakup and have been often interpreted as about America's loss of innocence. The Police - Walking On The Moon (Official Music Video) When it comes to this song, there are many rumors about its meaning. The song was written by Sting, who said that he "tried to capture some of the spirits of the great pioneers of space flight." Sting has also said that he is fascinated by the moon and even called it a "supernatural world." Next: Best songs about space and the universe (of all time) Ariana has made this song her own, and the lyrics are about a girl who feels as though she is never good enough for anyone. The lyrics reference Ariana's past relationship with Mac Miller and how she feels her boyfriend doesn't understand that what they have is real. The song is about the moment when she finally stands up for herself and says enough is enough. Ella Fitzgerald - It's Only a Paper Moon This song was first published in 1933, yet it was recorded by Fitzgerald in 1967. The song is about spending time with someone you love and how even though it might feel like a dream, there is still a sense of reality. The song is perfect for those who love jazz and swing, as well as fans of Fitzgerald herself! Moonlight Shadow (Remastered 2013) It performed unexpectedly since the song charted no. 4 in the U.S. and no. 12 in the U.K., making it Mike's most successful song on both charts to date. The lyrics are widely regarded as a tribute to John Lennon. The song has a folk sound to it, with the influence of Mike's love for John. This song was part of Ozzy's first album without his lead guitarist, who had died a year earlier in a plane crash. Its lyrics are about a werewolf who comes back from the dead to seek revenge. This song was written by Ozzy's bassist Bob Daisley. Runnin' Outta Moonlight Randy Houser (Lyrics in Description) With a unique uptempo tune that made it a big hit on the charts, the song caused quite a stir. Its lyrics are about spending as much time with someone you love before they walk out of your life forever and how it's only natural to feel the way you do. José González - This Is How We Walk On The Moon This is among the best songs about the moon because it is one of the most diverse. It has a folk sound and an indie rock vibe to it, which makes for something new and exciting. The lyrics deal with a failed relationship and how the protagonist is determined to get back what he lost. The song was released in 2011, and the lyrics are about life, love, loss, redemption – all of which can be found in music and everyday life. The song is about how we all try to hide our emotions and be tough. It emphasizes that it is okay if you let your guard down now and again. Thin Lizzy - Dancing In The Moonlight This song has a jazzy tune to it which makes it a perfect summer song. The lyrics are about a showgirl trying to make her way in the world and play different roles, including a maid. The protagonist is tired of the monotony and yearns to be herself again without letting her boss know what she's up to. The song's lyrics are about how no matter what the protagonist does, nothing ever changes to make things better for himself and those around him. Cudi claims that this was his best song about the moon. It is a solid track for those who want to know what he is all about as an artist. Nicki and Wayne's lyrics are about how they will always be there for each other even if the earth is destroyed. The song has an uptempo tune that makes it perfect for listening to at night. Creedence Clearwater Revival: Bad Moon Rising This song talks about how when there's trouble; it will follow you wherever you go. The protagonist is trying to warn people that they need to get out of town before it's too late. The lyrics are a perfect example of what rock and roll is about. Next: The top classic rock songs of all time (our list of favorites) Tom Waits - "Drunk On The Moon" Tom's lyrics are about how life's situations can blind you, and it's like nothing else matters. The song has a country sound which makes it perfect for both country and folk fans. Toploader - Dancing in the Moonlight (Official Video) Initially released in August 1970, its cover was released in 2000 exactly thirty years later. Toploader's lyrics are about how it feels amazing to be with someone that you love. The song is perfect for those who like pop and rock and those who like a good dance song. Next: The top 1970s love songs LeAnn Rimes - Cant Fight The Moonlight (Official Music Video) This piece is one of the best compositions about the moon because it is catchy and fun. The words are about how love is a magical feeling when enjoying each other's company under the moonlight. Echo & The Bunnymen - The Killing Moon (Official Music Video) This song is ideal for those who like rock and even indie music. The lyrics are about how life can be difficult, but you have to keep fighting and doing what you love. The song was released in 1984, and the lyrics are about how we all have to find our way no matter what life tries to throw at us. The song is perfect for those who like indie music and even folk songs. Next: Best songs with deep meaning (hidden or otherwise) Poolside – Harvest Moon (Official Audio) Poolside did wonders with this song by adding a tropical vibe to it. The lyrics are about how the protagonist is trying to make his way through life, but he can't help falling in love with the moon and stars. Next: The best songs about falling in love with someone The blue moon in the song depicts a friend; always there for the protagonist, even when times get tough. The lyrics are perfect for those who like indie music and folk songs. Phora - To The Moon [Official Music Video] This song is another great release from Phora. The lyrics are about how the protagonist is trying to find his way through life; he doesn't think there is anything wrong with having a little fun along the way. This song is all about following our dreams and doing whatever it takes to make those dreams come true. It is a perfect for those who like indie and folk music and pop songs that are both catchy and fun at the same time. Read Next: Songs about dreams, dreaming and more (our favorites) Best songs about rain or rainy imagery Best songs about cats and felines As the Head Editor and Writer at Music Grotto, Liam helps write and edit content produced from professional music/media journalists and other contributing writers. He works closely with journalists and other staff to format and publish music content for the Music Grotto website. Liam is also the founding member of Music Grotto and is passionate in disseminating editorial content to its readers. Liam's lifelong love for music makes his role at Music Grotto such a rewarding one. He loves researching, writing and editing music content for Music Grotto. 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Songs with moon in the lyrics are fair game too.Most divisive: Moonlight in VermontOver 1.1K Ranker voters have come together to rank this list of The Best Songs with Moon in the Title This weekend marks 50 years since NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong boldly took mankind's first step on the surface of the Moon, so make sure you toast one to Buzz Aldrin, the oft-forgotten Michael Collins (who, despite going all the way into space, didn't actually get to join his esteemed colleagues for a casual lunar stroll) and the late Armstrong at some point this week. The success of the US's world-renowned Apollo program, typified by that moonwalkin' Apollo 11 crew half a century ago, has proved to be a creative catalyst for many a songwriter in the years since, with our enduring fascination with the Moon and space having been brought that little bit closer to home by Armstrong and co.'s antics in 1969. From Frank Sinatra to Arctic Monkeys, plenty of our favourite musicians have been, and will likely continue to be, inspired to pick up their pen and/or instruments after looking up at the soothing yet curious glow of the Earth's all-natural satellite. Here's our selection, then, of some rather excellent Moon tunes to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Moon landing. R.E.M. – 'Man On The Moon' A classic and a curveball to kick us off. Rather than lauding Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins' achievement, the actual meaning behind the title of R.E.M.'s country-rock classic is instead a far more ambiguous affair. Written about the surrealist entertainer Andy Kaufman, Michael Stipe utilised Kaufman's life story as a vehicle to briefly explore a range of subjects which include the Moon landing (and the tiresome conspiracy theories about whether or not it actually happened). "Andy Kaufman was a performance artist," bassist Mike Mills told NME in 2017. "He wasn't a comedian, he wasn't a comic, he was a performance artist. Some of what he did was funny, some of it was annoying, some it was irritating – but it was always provocative. As such, as someone that you couldn't really pin down in terms of what he was and what he was not. Was he dead? Was he faking? "He's the perfect ghost to lead you through this tour of questioning things [in 'Man On The Moon']. Did the Moon landing really happen? Is Elvis really dead? He was kind of an ephemeral figure at that point so he was the perfect guy to tie all this stuff together as you journey through childhood and touchstones of life." Still, it's got a good chorus, right? Björk – 'Moon' "As the lukewarm hands of the Gods / Came down and gently picked my adrenaline pearls," is quite the way to start any song, but what else would you expect from Björk? The harp-heavy opening track on her 2011 multimedia album 'Biophilia' addresses the long-debated connection between lunar phases and the human body, as well as the regular opportunities one has to start fresh with each new lunar cycle. "The symbolism of the Moon as the realm of imagination, melancholy, and regeneration is expressed in 'Moon' by musical patterns… which wax and wane, and by lyrics about rebirth," the very detailed entry for 'Moon' on the 'Biophilia Education Project' reasons. "The certain musical scale of 'Moon' affects the emotional feel of the song, melancholia." Have a listen and see if it moves you. Frank Sinatra – 'Fly Me to the Moon' Originally written in 1954 by jazz composer Bart Howard, his creation really took flight (sorry) and grabbed imaginations when 'Ol' Blue Eyes' released his version of the crooner classic in 1964 — just as the Apollo program was starting to get serious. Five years later, it became the first ever song to be played on the Moon after Buzz Aldrin grabbed the aux cord (sorry, cassette) and put on Sinatra's Quincy Jones-arranged take on 'Fly Me To The Moon' just before stepping off the spacecraft. "The first music played on the Moon..." Jones reflected to The New York Times in 1990. "I freaked." Creedence Clearwater Revival – 'Bad Moon Rising' Obvious titular Moon reference aside, Creedence Clearwater Revival's inclusion here for the timelessly jaunty 'Bad Moon Rising' is particularly fitting as the song, like the Moon landing, is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Reaching the heights of number two in the US Hot 100 singles charts in late June 1969, 'Bad Moon Rising' would've definitely been blasting out of NASA's radio as they prepared for the launch of Apollo 11 on July 16. David Bowie – 'Space Oddity' Bowie's astronomical breakthrough single also turns 50 this month, with the 2001: A Space Odyssey-inspired song introducing the world to 'Major Tom' for the first time. Released days before Armstrong and Aldrin stepped foot on the Moon, 'Space Oddity' was rather inevitably used by the BBC for their coverage of the Moon landing. "It was picked up by the British television and used as the background music for the landing itself," Bowie later recalled. "I'm sure they really weren't listening to the lyrics at all! "['Space Oddity'] wasn't a pleasant thing to juxtapose against a Moon landing. Of course, I was overjoyed that they did. Obviously some BBC official said, 'Oh, right then, that space song, Major Tom, blah blah blah, that'll be great.' 'Um, but he gets stranded in space, sir.' Nobody had the heart to tell the producer that!" The Police – 'Walking on the Moon' Who knew Sting was such a space nerd? Well, actually, he isn't. "I woke up in a Munich hotel room and had that bass riff in my head and started walking round the room," he told Event Magazine back in 2013 about the origin of this Police track. "'Walking on the moon' seemed a useful metaphor for being in love; that feeling of lightness, of being able to walk on air. It's an old idea." OK, so it may not explicitly be about the Moon landing, but Sting and his bandmates did pay homage to the Apollo program by trekking out to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida for 'Walking On The Moon"s accompanying video. Radiohead – 'Sail to the Moon' As you might've gathered from the title of their spectacular 'A Moon-Shaped Pool' back in 2016, Thom Yorke and co. are quite big about the Moon. 13 years previously, the ethereal 'Hail to the Thief' track 'Sail to the Moon' saw Yorke keeping it brief but impactful after (presumably) gazing up at the Moon one day. "I was dropped from moonbeam / And sailed on shooting stars," he sings, before taking one of the album's many thinly-veiled digs at George W. Bush (remember him?). "Maybe you'll be president / But know right from wrong / Or in the flood, you'll build an Ark / And sail us to the moon." Count us in! Janis Joplin – 'Half Moon' Released posthumously as part of Joplin's 'Pearl' album in 1971, 'Half Moon"s blues-rock fervour still makes for an invigorating listen today. Joplin's distinctive and powerful vocals are of course a key ingredient here, with the Moon evidently serving as a key inspiration ("Half Moon, night time sky / Seven stars, heaven's eyes") for this particular track. Daft Punk – 'Contact' "Hey Bob I'm looking at what Jack was talking about, and it's definitely not a particle that's nearby," the vocal sample on 'Contact' begins, ushering in the gigantic closer to Daft Punk's still-stunning 'Random Access Memories'. That sample is taken from audio recorded during the final Moon mission, Apollo 17, and Thomas Bangalter's lasting admiration for the Apollo program and the late Eugene Cernan (the last man to walk on the moon) was clear when explaining in a rare 2013 interview why they'd chosen to use that particular sample. "The last Apollo," Bangalter reverently told GQ about the poignancy of Cernan's transmission to mission control. "The last captain of the last mission…" What next: robots on the moon? You shouldn't rule out anything when it comes to Daft Punk… Pink Floyd – 'Brain Damage / Eclipse' 'The Dark Side of the Moon' had to be included here, and we've selected the final two tracks from the seminal concept album for inclusion on our Moon-inspired list. The Moon isn't cast in the best light here, with the final lines of 'Eclipse' concluding: "And everything under the sun is in tune / But the sun is eclipsed by the moon…" Roger Waters, who wrote both songs, later cleared up all doubt and clarified that "the album uses the sun and the Moon as symbols: the light and the dark, the good and the bad, the life force as opposed to the death force. I think it's a very simple statement saying that all the good things life can offer are there for us to grasp, but that the influence of some dark force in our natures prevents us from seizing them. The song addresses the listener and says that if you, the listener, are affected by that force, and if that force is a worry to you, well, I feel exactly the same too." Arctic Monkeys – 'Four Out of Five' The Moon continues to be a muse for musicians in the present-day, with Arctic Monkeys' 'Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino' referencing the name of Apollo 11's lunar landing site (not the 'Hotel + Casino' bit, obviously) in its title. A Kubrick-inspired Alex Turner went a bit Mr. Burns-Spruce Moose in the video for the single 'Four Out of Five', which advertises the Moon-situated titular hotel and its exquisite "taqueria on the roof". All together now: "Lunar surface on a Saturday night, dressed up in silver and white…" And finally: Beastie Boys – 'Intergalactic' Alright, so there's no actual mention of the Moon or the 1969 landing here, but: a) the original demo apparently contained an excellent reference to Neil Armstrong playing golf on the Moon, b) this song is still an absolute banger. Happy Moon Landing Day, everyone! Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Man On The Moon is a song recorded by and features Alan Walker for their album titled . It was released in 2021. The duration is 2 minutes 58 seconds. The key is in E Minor in the tempo of 130 BPM and set to the volume of -5 dB. Man On The Moon is is great for dancing to along with its content mood. The energy is kind of intense. Around 4% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Man On The Moon is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. You can also find concert tickets and details.The lyrics for Man On The Moon includes:What happens in dreams when we fly? Never been a science tonight Staring through a window in time For someone to show me what I'm like He said, "Hello", it's like a mirror in the sky And I can see this from up high Oh boy, we looking good tonight And I just don't understand ... Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Just Say Yes is a song recorded by and features Sad Puppy for their album titled . It was released in 2021. The duration is 2 minutes 57 seconds. The key is in F Minor in the tempo of 124 BPM and set to the volume of -6 dB. Just Say Yes is somewhat a catchy song along with its gloomy mood. The energy is intense. Around 8% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Just Say Yes is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Sweet Dreams is a song recorded by and features Alan Walker for their album titled . It was released in 2021. The duration is 2 minutes 18 seconds. The key is in G Major in the tempo of 126 BPM and set to the volume of -4 dB. Sweet Dreams is good for dancing along with its content mood. The energy is kind of intense. Around 4% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Sweet Dreams is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. You can also find concert tickets and details. Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Alien Man is a song recorded by and features Sad Puppy for their album titled . It was released in 2022. The duration is 2 minutes 46 seconds. The key is in A Minor in the tempo of 120 BPM and set to the volume of -5 dB. Alien Man is great for parties along with its happy mood. The energy is more intense than most songs. Around 4% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Alien Man is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Faded is a song recorded by and features Alan Walker for their album titled . It was released in 2018. The duration is 3 minutes 32 seconds. The key is in F♯ Major in the tempo of 180 BPM and set to the volume of -5 dB. Faded is can be a dance song along with its gloomy mood. The energy is moderately intense. Around 5% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Faded is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. You can also find concert tickets and details.The lyrics for Faded includes:You were the shadow to my light Did you feel us? Another star You fade away Afraid our aim is out of sight Wanna see us Alight Where are you now? Where are you now? ... Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Thinking of You is a song recorded by and features Sad Puppy for their album titled . It was released in 2020. The duration is 2 minutes 34 seconds. The key is in F Major in the tempo of 95 BPM and set to the volume of -4 dB. Thinking of You is great for parties along with its joyful mood. The energy is more intense than most songs. Around 4% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Thinking of You is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Stressed Out is a song recorded by and features Sad Puppy for their album titled . It was released in 2021. The duration is 2 minutes 0 seconds. The key is in C Major in the tempo of 80 BPM and set to the volume of -7 dB. Stressed Out is great for parties along with its sad mood. The energy is great for all occasions. Around 5% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Stressed Out is likely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. 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Believers is is great for dancing to along with its moderately joyful mood. The energy is moderately intense. Around 3% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Believers is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. You can also find concert tickets and details. Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Flamakae Baby is a song recorded by and features Sad Puppy for their album titled . It was released in 2017. The duration is 3 minutes 42 seconds. The key is in F Minor in the tempo of 96 BPM and set to the volume of -3 dB. Flamakae Baby is somewhat a catchy song along with its happy mood. The energy is very intense. Around 3% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Flamakae Baby is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. 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You can also find concert tickets and details.The lyrics for Cheap Thrills includes:Come on, come on, turn the radio on It's Friday night and it won't be long Gotta do my hair, put my make-up on It's Friday night and it won't be long 'til I Hit the dancefloor Hit the dancefloor I got all I need No I ain't got cash I ain't got cash ...Music video for Cheap Thrills by Sia Find Similar Songs Get BPM and Key Play on Spotify Your browser does not support the audio element. Burn is a song recorded by and features Sad Puppy for their album titled . It was released in 2019. The duration is 2 minutes 34 seconds. The key is in F♯ Minor in the tempo of 176 BPM and set to the volume of -2 dB. Burn is somewhat a catchy song along with its sad mood. The energy is moderately intense. Around 3% of this song contains words that are or almost sound spoken. Burn is unlikely to be acoustic. For more information on this song or artist, check out SoundCloud or Last.fm. 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