| **Hip-Hop/Rap** |
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| **Lose Yourself by Eminem (2002)**His soul’s escaping through this hole that is gaping This world is mine for the taking, make me kingAs we move toward a new world order A normal life is boring but superstardom’s Close to postmortem, it only grows harderHomie grows hotter, he blows it’s all over *Eminem. (2002). Lose yourself [Song]. On 8 Mile: Music from and inspired by the motion picture. Shady Records; Interscope Records.* |

| **Hip-Hop/Rap** |
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| **Juicy by The Notorious B.I.G. (1994)**Super Nintendo, Sega GenesisWhen I was dead broke, man, I couldn't picture this50-inch screen, money-green leather sofaGot two rides, a limousine with a chauffeurPhone bill about two G's flatNo need to worry, my accountant handles that*The Notorious B.I.G. (1994). Juicy [Song]. On Ready to Die. Bad Boy Records.* |

| **Hip-Hop/Rap** |
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| **The Message by Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five (1982)**Don't push me cause I'm close to the edgeI'm trying not to lose my headIt's like a jungle sometimesIt makes me wonder how I keep from goin' under*Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five. (1982). The message [Song]. On The message. Sugar Hill Records.* |

| **Hip-Hop/Rap** |
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| **Alright by Kendrick Lamar (2015)**I remembered you was conflictedMisusing your influence, sometimes I did the sameAbusing my power, full of resentmentResentment that turned into a deep depressionFound myself screamin' in the hotel roomI didn't wanna self-destructThe evils of Lucy was all around meSo I went runnin' for answers*Lamar, K. (2015). Alright [Song]. On To Pimp a Butterfly. Top Dawg Entertainment; Aftermath Entertainment; Interscope Records.* |

| **Hip-Hop/Rap** |
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| **Act Too (The Love of My Life) by The Roots (1999)**The anticipation arose as time frozeI stared off the stage with my eyes closed and doveInto the deep cosmosThe impact pushed back, the first five rowsBut before the raw live shows*The Roots. (1999). Act too (The love of my life) [Song]. On Things Fall Apart. MCA Records.* |

| **Rock/Alternative** |
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| **Caution by The Killers (2020)**I'm throwing cautionWhat's it gonna be?Tonight the winds of change are coming over meIf I don't get outOut of this townI just might be the one who finally burns it down*The Killers. (2020). Caution [Song]. On Imploding the Mirage. Island Records.* |

| **Rock/Alternative** |
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| **Tonight Tonight by Smashing Pumpkins (1995)**Time is never time at allYou can never ever leaveWithout leaving a piece of youthAnd our lives are forever changedWe will never be the sameThe more you change, the less you feel*The Smashing Pumpkins. (1995). Tonight, tonight [Song]. On Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness. Virgin Records.* |

| **Rock/Alternative** |
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| **My Blood by Twenty One Pilots (2018)**When everyoneYou thought you knewDeserts your fightI'll go with youYou're facing downA dark hallI'll grab my lightAnd go with you*Twenty One Pilots. (2018). My blood [Song]. On Trench. Fueled by Ramen.* |

| **Rock/Alternative** |
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| **Black by Pearl Jam (1991)**And now my bitter handsCradle broken glassOf what was everythingAll the pictures hadAll been washed in blackTattooed everythingAll the love gone badTurned my world to blackTattooed all I seeAll that I amAll I'll be*Pearl Jam. (1991). Black [Song]. On Ten. Epic Records.* |

| **Rock/Alternative** |
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| **Under the Bridge by Red Hot Chili Peppers (1991)**Sometimes I feel like I don't have a partnerSometimes I feel like my only friendIs the city I live in, The City of AngelsLonely as I am together we cryI drive on her streets 'cause she's my companionI walk through her hills 'cause she knows who I amShe sees my good deeds and she kisses me windyWell, I never worry, now that is a lie*Red Hot Chili Peppers. (1991). Under the bridge [Song]. On Blood Sugar Sex Magik. Warner Bros. Records.* |

| **Folk/Singer-Songwriter** |
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| **Fast Car by Tracy Chapman (1988)**You got a fast carIs it fast enough so we can fly away?We gotta make a decisionLeave tonight or live and die this waySo I remember when we were driving, driving in your carSpeed so fast, it felt like I was drunkCity lights lay out before usAnd your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulderAnd I-I had a feeling that I belongedI-I had a feeling I could be someone, be someone, be someone*Chapman, T. (1988). Fast car [Song]. On Tracy Chapman [Album]. Elektra Records.* |

| **Folk/Singer-Songwriter** |
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| **Vienna by Billy Joel (1977)**Slow down, you're doin' fineYou can't be everything you wanna be before your timeAlthough it's so romantic on the borderline tonight, tonightToo bad, but it's the life you leadYou're so ahead of yourself, that you forgot what you needThough you can see when you're wrongYou know you can't always see when you're rightYou're right*Joel, B. (1977). Vienna [Song]. On The Stranger [Album]. Columbia Records.* |

| **Folk/Singer-Songwriter** |
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| **The Archer by Taylor Swift (2019)**Dark side, I search for your dark sideBut what if I'm alright, right, right, right here?And I cut off my nose just to spite my faceThen I hate my reflection for years and yearsI wake in the night, I pace like a ghostThe room is on fire, invisible smokeAnd all of my heroes die all aloneHelp me hold onto youI've been the archerI've been the preyScreaming, who could ever leave me, darling?But who could stay?(I see right through me, I see right through me)*Swift, T. (2019). The Archer [Song]. On Lover [Album]. Republic Records.* |

| **Folk/Singer-Songwriter** |
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| **Right on Time by Brandi Carlile (2021)**Don't look down, I can feel it when your heart starts poundingIt's beyond your control, you know it isIt's getting to the point where I can't carry onI never held my breath for quite this longAnd I don't take it back, I did what I had to do*Carlile, B. (2021). Right on Time [Song]. On In These Silent Days [Album]. Low Country Sound/Elektra Records.* |

| **Folk/Singer-Songwriter** |
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| **Take Me As I Come by Evan Honer and Wyatt Flores (2024)**Another night, another mistakeAnd I wound up at the same placeIn a cheap hotel room with the parking lot viewStill not sure where I amI left my heart in the carAnd I parked it real farSo she wouldn't notice or ever gain focusOf who I am*Honer, E., & Flores, W. (2024). Take me as I come [Song]. Cloverdale Records/Island Records/UMG Recordings, Inc.* |

| **Pop** |
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| **What Was I Made For by Billie Eilish (2023)**When did it end? All the enjoymentI'm sad again, don't tell my boyfriendIt's not what he's made forWhat was I made for?'Cause I, 'cause II don't know how to feelBut I wanna tryI don't know how to feelBut someday I mightSomeday I might*Eilish, B. (2023). What Was I Made For? [Song]. On Barbie: The Album [Album]. Atlantic Records.* |

| **Pop** |
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| **Mirrorball by Taylor Swift (2020)**I want you to knowI'm a mirrorballI'll show you every version of yourself tonightI'll get you out on the floorShimmering beautifulAnd when I break it's in a million piecesHushWhen no one is around, my dearYou'll find me on my tallest tiptoesSpinning in my highest heels, loveShining just for you*Swift, T. (2020). Mirrorball [Song]. On Folklore [Album]. Republic Records.* |

| **Pop** |
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| **Hold Me Like a Grudge by Fall Out Boy (2023)**When I get down, downSilent killers are these years coming like waves(You put the "fun" into dysfunction)Hold me, hold me like a grudgeThe world is always spinning, and I can't keep up, whoaFaster and faster, can't do it on my ownPart-time soulmate, full-time problem, yeahSo hold me like a grudge*Fall Out Boy. (2023). Hold Me Like a Grudge [Song]. On So Much (for) Stardust [Album]. Fueled by Ramen.* |

| **Pop** |
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| **My Mind & Me by Selena Gomez (2022)**Wanna hear a part to my story? I tried to hide in the gloryAnd sweep it under the table so you would never knowSometimes I feel like an accident, people look when they're passin' itNever check on the passenger, they just want the free showYeah, I'm constantlyTryna fight somethin' that my eyes can't see*Gomez, S. (2022). My Mind & Me [Song]. On My Mind & Me [Album]. Interscope Records.* |

| **Pop** |
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| **Firework by Katy Perry (2010)**Do you ever feel like a plastic bagDrifting through the wind, wanting to start again?Do you ever feel, feel so paper thinLike a house of cards, one blow from cavin' in?Do you ever feel already buried deep?Six feet under screams, but no one seems to hear a thingDo you know that there's still a chance for you?'Cause there's a spark in you*Perry, K. (2010). Firework [Song]. On Teenage Dream [Album]. Capitol Records.* |

| **Country** |
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| **The House That Built Me by Miranda Lambert (2009)**I thought if I could touch this place or feel itThis brokenness inside me might start healingOut here, it's like I'm someone elseI thought that maybe I could find myselfIf I could just come in, I swear I'll leaveWon't take nothin' but a memoryFrom the house that built me*Lambert, M. (2009). The House That Built Me [Song]. On Revolution [Album]. Columbia Nashville.* |

| **Country** |
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| **Starting Over by Chris Stapleton (2020)**This might not be an easy timeThere's rivers to cross and hills to climbAnd some days we might fall apartAnd some nights might feel cold and darkBut nobody wins afraid of losingAnd the hard roads are the ones worth choosingSome day we'll look back and smileAnd know it was worth every mileAnd it don't matter to meWherever we are is where I wanna beAnd honey, for once in our lifeLet's take our chances and roll the diceAnd I can be your lucky pennyYou can be my four leaf clover*Stapleton, C. (2020). Starting Over [Song]. On Starting Over [Album]. Mercury Nashville.* |
| **Country** |
| **Wait in the Truck by HARDY and Lainey Wilson (2023)**I don't know if he's an angel'Cause angels don't do what he didHe was hellbent to find the man behindAll the whiskey scars I hidI never thought my day of justiceWould come from a judge under a seatBut I knew right then I'd never get hit againWhen he said to me"Wait in the truck""Just wait in the truck"*HARDY, & Wilson, L. (2023). Wait in the Truck [Song]. On the mockingbird & THE CROW [Album]. Big Loud Records.* |

| **Country** |
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| **Coal by Tyler Childers (2011)**Now I've seen Heaven without dyin'Met the devil without tryin'And they both seem to want to talk to meBut I'm all out of luck nowAnd my dreams aren't worth a buckHow it's tough tryin' to land on my feetWhen this game of life plays heavy on my heartAnd love is tough, but loneliness is twice as hardAnd I'll carry that 'bout everywhere I goThey say pressure makes diamondsHow the hell am I still coal?*Childers, T. (2011). Coal [Song]. On Bottles and Bibles [Album]. Tyler Childers.* |

| **Country** |
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| **My Tennessee Mountain Home by Dolly Parton (1973)**In my Tennessee mountain homeLife is as peaceful as a baby's sighIn my Tennessee mountain homeCrickets are singing in the fields nearby.And honeysuckle vine clings to the fence along the laneTheir fragrance makes the summer wind so sweetAnd on a distant hilltop, an eagle spreads its wingsAnd a songbird on a fence post sings a melody*Parton, D. (1973). My Tennessee mountain home [Song]. On My Tennessee Mountain Home [Album]. RCA Victor.* |