| **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 king  As we move toward a new world order  A normal life is boring but superstardom’s  Close to postmortem, it only grows harder  Homie 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 Genesis  When I was dead broke, man, I couldn't picture this  50-inch screen, money-green leather sofa  Got two rides, a limousine with a chauffeur  Phone bill about two G's flat  No 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 edge  I'm trying not to lose my head  It's like a jungle sometimes  It 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 conflicted  Misusing your influence, sometimes I did the same  Abusing my power, full of resentment  Resentment that turned into a deep depression  Found myself screamin' in the hotel room  I didn't wanna self-destruct  The evils of Lucy was all around me  So 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 froze  I stared off the stage with my eyes closed and dove  Into the deep cosmos  The impact pushed back, the first five rows  But 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 caution  What's it gonna be?  Tonight the winds of change are coming over me  If I don't get out  Out of this town  I 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 all  You can never ever leave  Without leaving a piece of youth  And our lives are forever changed  We will never be the same  The 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 everyone  You thought you knew  Deserts your fight  I'll go with you  You're facing down  A dark hall  I'll grab my light  And 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 hands  Cradle broken glass  Of what was everything  All the pictures had  All been washed in black  Tattooed everything  All the love gone bad  Turned my world to black  Tattooed all I see  All that I am  All 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 partner  Sometimes I feel like my only friend  Is the city I live in, The City of Angels  Lonely as I am together we cry  I drive on her streets 'cause she's my companion  I walk through her hills 'cause she knows who I am  She sees my good deeds and she kisses me windy  Well, 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 car  Is it fast enough so we can fly away?  We gotta make a decision  Leave tonight or live and die this way  So I remember when we were driving, driving in your car  Speed so fast, it felt like I was drunk  City lights lay out before us  And your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder  And I-I had a feeling that I belonged  I-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' fine  You can't be everything you wanna be before your time  Although it's so romantic on the borderline tonight, tonight  Too bad, but it's the life you lead  You're so ahead of yourself, that you forgot what you need  Though you can see when you're wrong  You know you can't always see when you're right  You'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 side  But what if I'm alright, right, right, right here?  And I cut off my nose just to spite my face  Then I hate my reflection for years and years  I wake in the night, I pace like a ghost  The room is on fire, invisible smoke  And all of my heroes die all alone  Help me hold onto you  I've been the archer  I've been the prey  Screaming, 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 pounding  It's beyond your control, you know it is  It's getting to the point where I can't carry on  I never held my breath for quite this long  And 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 mistake  And I wound up at the same place  In a cheap hotel room with the parking lot view  Still not sure where I am  I left my heart in the car  And I parked it real far  So she wouldn't notice or ever gain focus  Of 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 enjoyment  I'm sad again, don't tell my boyfriend  It's not what he's made for  What was I made for?  'Cause I, 'cause I  I don't know how to feel  But I wanna try  I don't know how to feel  But someday I might  Someday 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 know  I'm a mirrorball  I'll show you every version of yourself tonight  I'll get you out on the floor  Shimmering beautiful  And when I break it's in a million pieces  Hush  When no one is around, my dear  You'll find me on my tallest tiptoes  Spinning in my highest heels, love  Shining 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, down  Silent killers are these years coming like waves  (You put the "fun" into dysfunction)  Hold me, hold me like a grudge  The world is always spinning, and I can't keep up, whoa  Faster and faster, can't do it on my own  Part-time soulmate, full-time problem, yeah  So 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 glory  And sweep it under the table so you would never know  Sometimes I feel like an accident, people look when they're passin' it  Never check on the passenger, they just want the free show  Yeah, I'm constantly  Tryna 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 bag  Drifting through the wind, wanting to start again?  Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin  Like 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 thing  Do 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 it  This brokenness inside me might start healing  Out here, it's like I'm someone else  I thought that maybe I could find myself  If I could just come in, I swear I'll leave  Won't take nothin' but a memory  From 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 time  There's rivers to cross and hills to climb  And some days we might fall apart  And some nights might feel cold and dark  But nobody wins afraid of losing  And the hard roads are the ones worth choosing  Some day we'll look back and smile  And know it was worth every mile  And it don't matter to me  Wherever we are is where I wanna be  And honey, for once in our life  Let's take our chances and roll the dice  And I can be your lucky penny  You 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 did  He was hellbent to find the man behind  All the whiskey scars I hid  I never thought my day of justice  Would come from a judge under a seat  But I knew right then I'd never get hit again  When 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 me  But I'm all out of luck now  And my dreams aren't worth a buck  How it's tough tryin' to land on my feet  When this game of life plays heavy on my heart  And love is tough, but loneliness is twice as hard  And I'll carry that 'bout everywhere I go  They say pressure makes diamonds  How 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 home  Life is as peaceful as a baby's sigh  In my Tennessee mountain home  Crickets are singing in the fields nearby.  And honeysuckle vine clings to the fence along the lane  Their fragrance makes the summer wind so sweet  And on a distant hilltop, an eagle spreads its wings  And 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.* |