

Beatles Intro - Everyone has a favourite Beatles Song

1962 My Bonnie Lies over the ocean (recorded 1961)

1962 Love me Do

1963 I saw her standing there

1963 She Loves you

1963 I want to hold your hand

1964 Twist and Shout Shea

1965 Yesterday

1965 Help

1966 Yellow Submarine

1967 When I'm 64

1967 All you need is Love

1968 Hey Jude

1968 I will

1968 Revolution

1969 Get Back

1970 Let it Be

As a young boy I hated the Beatles and loved the Stones. Polarised into one of the two camps. Still love stones best but, no doubt that the Beatles music catalogue is much wider. Consequently everyone likes at least one Beatles song and has a favourite Beatle.

Band history well known, significant songs my favourites. Videos, After the break is a chance for everyone to share their favourites and any Beatles experiences

Beatles



Quarrymen

John Lennon was a founder member of the Quarrymen named after school their school 'Quarry bank High School, included Paul McCartney (15) who introduced 14 year old George Harrison. Played school dances, parties and fetes.



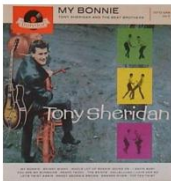
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College John and Paul both at the Liverpool Institute (Art College). Formed Silver Beatles, played local clubs. Job in Hamburg for three and half months. Five Beatles,

John , Paul George, Pete Best (drums) and Stuart Sutcliffe (bass). George Harrison lied about his age, so he wouldn't be deported (17, Paul 18 John 19). Stuart fell in love with a girl and stayed in Germany when Beatles returned to Liverpool



First record was with Tony Sheridan (established singer) My Bonnie lies over the Ocean by Tony Sheridan and the Beat Brothers. Saddened by news that Stuart Sutcliffe died of brain haemorrhage. **(1)**



Beatles at the Cavern Club

Back in Liverpool. they were regulars at the Cavern Club. Record shop owner Brian Epstein became manager of Beatles Tried to get a record contract, famously turned down by Decca, but 3 months later signed by EMI's Parlophone label. In the studio it was evident that the drummer wasn't good

enough, and was replaced by Ringo Starr.



First single, Love me Do. Quite successful, 17 in charts. Three versions recorded with three different drummers, Pete Best, Ringo and Alan White (session drummer) **(2)**.

Their first album was called 'Please Please Me', included half

songs written by Beatles other half were covers. In all they released eleven albums every one reached number 1.



The title track was their second single and reached number two in the charts. Third single 'Please Please Me' was their first number one hit. After that there was a run of almost eighteen number one singles.

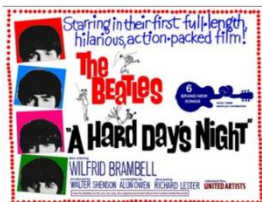
First seven consecutive number one records, Strawberry Fields/Penny Lane Broken by Englebert Humperdink - Please Release me. Beatles record was double A side, only half counted. Then 11 consecutive number ones. My favourite, Karaoke song would be, I saw her standing there **(3)**



In 1963 to support their first album they went on tour, and Beatle Mania commenced. The 4th single 'She Loves you was a massive hit', it became the fastest selling single. Track from ABC Manchester **(4)**. Still Beatles best selling single



Having Conquered the UK the Beatles went to America in 1964. First TV appearance on Ed Sullivan Show watched by approx 73 million viewers. They received negative views in the papers, but not by the public. 'I wanna hold your hand' went straight to the top of the charts, In April all the top five positions in the chats were held by Beatles Songs. **(5)**



Returning to the UK they made film 'A Hard Day's Night' with songs from their third LP named 'A Hard Day's Night' Comedy about 36 hours in the life of the Beatles as they prepare for a TV appearance (playing themselves). My opinion 'best of their films, mainly because rest were rubbish'. Massive hit in the cinema. **(6)**



Yesterday, one of the most popular of all Beatles songs. Been covered by more artists than any other. Uses a string quartet, added later. Paul sings on his own. Not really a Beatles song but entirely Paul McCartney's. Resented a little by other band members. **(7)**



Help LP and film in 1965, film 'it was rubbish' mad scientist trying to capture Ringo to steal one of his rings. Did well at the pictures. **(8)**

Television film 'Magical Mystery Tour'. Seemed to be LSD drug influenced. When completed nobody liked it, even those who made it, released and everybody hated it. After it was shown on Boxing Day 1967, critics agreed that it was awful. Some good songs but terrible film.



Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

World Tour, including Europe, Australia and US in 1964. Then final tour in 1966. Nobody could hear themselves play, worried about security and exhausted. Shea stadium in 1965, Twist and Shout **(9)**

Next film was Yellow Submarine, a psychedelic cartoon.' I remember queuing to watch it at the Essoldo on Nottingham Road. Did my best to like it. Not a great film, simplistic story about the blue meanies who don't like music, Beatles go in yellow submarine to rescue Pepperland'. **(10)**



Beatles - All you need is Love

Back to 1967 Beatles could do nothing wrong musically. All you need is love was for a satellite broadcast to 400 million people in 25 countries. Recorded Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, best selling maybe best record, With Little help from my friends, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, When I'm 64, Day in the Life. **(10.5)**



Maharishi and The Beatles

In 1967, the Beatles travelled to India to take part in transcendental meditation course under the Maharishi. This was a case of dropping out, they also wrote many new songs 'I will' written by Beatles when in India. Love song, very easy to play and sing. **(11)**

In 1968. John Lennon broke up with his wife and wrote son Hey Jude for son Julian Lennon. Positive from the break up, encouraging Julian to find love, very popular and long. 7 minutes (most of it na-na-na-na). Paul McCartney often

sings it in concerts, so crowd can join in without knowing the words. The B side of single much better 'Revolution'. Political protest song. Lennon song, about the need for social change but without destructive change. **(12,13)**

Penny Lane **(14)**



The Beatles (and Yoko)

During the recording of the White Album in 1968, cracks started to appear in the group. Ringo was getting bored and quit but was persuaded to return. My favourite album, but would have been better if it was a single LP instead of double, includes Back in the USSR, Glass Onion, While my guitar gently weeps, Blackbird, Julia, I will, Helter Skelter, some of McCartney's worst

George Harrison was disillusioned and quit during the recording of Let it Be. Lennon and McCartney were falling out, often over Yoko. Many average songs except Let it Be, Long and Winding Road and Get Back. Last three albums were during the breaking up years, but best songs were recorded, equally some of their worst.

Fifth film 'Let it Be' most interesting as the Beatles are writing songs for Let it Be album. Really good music and songs. Released in May 1970 soon after Beatles break up.



The Beatles split (August 1969)

Last photo of the group before break up, in Aug 1969. **15**



The Beatles (1, 2000)

Album 'One' released in 2000. Greatest Hits, every number one record in UK and US. Issued 30th anniversary of the group's break up.