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The Day the Music Died Day



February 3rd is *The Day the Music Died Day*. On this day in 1959, several very popular musicians were killed in an airplane crash. Those who passed away included Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and J.P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson. *The Day the Music Died* is a lyric contained in the Don McLean song “American Pie.”

Many popular songs contain a reference to money. A few songs contain a lyric that lists a specific coin. In this exercise you will read a lyric and then be challenged to name the song title and the performer. Some lyrics will be instantly recognizable. Some lyrics may seem rather obscure. It would be easy to complete this activity using the Internet but it would not be nearly as fun. We will start with an easy one to get you going and move on from there. Good luck!

1. “Their nests are so bare/All it takes is tuppence from you.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

2. “Send a treasure token, token/Write it on a pound note, pound note.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

3. “When a nickel’s worth a dollar/And gold ain’t worth a dime.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

4. “And I’m bound to keep on ridin’/And I’ve got one more silver dollar.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

5. “Now, I don’t mind chopping wood/And I don’t care if the money’s no good.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

6. “Now my advice for those who die/Declare the pennies on your eyes.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

7. “There’s a man talking of the Promised Land/He’ll acquire it with some Krugerrand.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

8. “I got a little change in my pocket going ching-a-ling-a-ling.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

9. “Brother bought a coconut, he bought it for a dime.”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

10. “Ah, you’ve been so much more than kind/You can keep the dime,”

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____



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11. "We got a million dollars worth of ethyl gas/
And a reservation for the room."

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

12. "You can hear your five selections for a quarter."

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

13. "For the price of a dime I can always turn to
you."

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

14. "I asked the man how his butter was sold/
He said, "One pound of butter for two pounds
of gold."

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

15. "His mother goes to scrub the floor for many/
And you best believe she hardly makes a
penny."

Song Title: _____

Performer: _____

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ANSWERS

1. Song Title: Feed the Birds
Performer: Julie Andrews
2. Song Title: Goody Two Shoes
Performer: Adam Ant
3. Song Title: Buicks to the Moon
Performer: Alan Jackson
4. Song Title: Midnight Rider
Performer: The Allman Brothers Band
5. Song Title: The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down
Performer: The Band
6. Song Title: Taxman
Performer: Beatles
7. Song Title: That's the Way it Goes
Performer: George Harrison
8. Song Title: Keep Your Hands to Yourself
Performer: The Georgia Satellites
9. Song Title: Coconut
Performer: Harry Nilsson
10. Song Title: Operator (That's Not the Way it Feels)
Performer: Jim Croce
11. Song Title: Eldorado to the Moon
Performer: Michael Nesmith
12. Song Title: Please Mr. Please
Performer: Olivia Newton-John
13. Song Title: 867-5309/Jenny
Performer: Tommy Tutone
14. Song Title: So Long, It's Been Good to Know Yuh
Performer: Woody Guthrie/The Weavers
15. Song Title: Living For the City
Performer: Stevie Wonder