

Short and Sweet: 47 melodies in 2 hrs

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“Melody is the essence of music... to win applause, one must write stuff so simple that a coachman might sing it” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

What is “classical” music?

- medieval (500–1400)
- renaissance (1400–1600) Monteverdi, Byrd, Tallis, Allegri
- baroque (1600–1750) Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Purcell
- classical (1750–1830) Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert
- romantic (1830–1900) Chopin, Liszt, Wagner, Verdi, Mahler
- modern Strauss, Holst, Schoenberg, Stravinsky, Prokofiev, expressionist, atonal, serialist, neoclassical, experimental, modality, new complexity, minimalism, postmodern, postminimal, spectral, neoromantic, folk, jazz, blues, soul, rock, rap...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MaJF9nxVhUU>

“Classical” = HOW it’s played, not WHAT is played?

Melodies

1. Cover all genres of music, not just “classical”
2. Many “Desert Island Discs” already played

I’m playing the **shortest** pieces off my Spotify playlist
(29+ hrs, 412 pieces)

1. rhythm
2. harmony
3. melody

Focus on Melodies

Prelude in D minor 0:45

Johann Sebastian Bach, c1720
Twelve Little Preludes, BWV 926
Glenn Gould

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyOV533fOM4

Trio in G minor 0:52

JS Bach, c1720
Twelve Little Preludes, BWV 929
Ramiro Schiavoni

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMoMNOJjJx0

Prelude in D major 0:57

JS Bach, c1720
Twelve Little Preludes, BWV 925
Varvara Miagkova

www.youtube.com/watch?v=34YeXOMGXEs

Taunta (Sammy's Tune) 1:00

Felix Pappalardi, 1971
Mountain, Nantucket Sleighride

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIX4j7S3yJs

Solfeggietto in C minor 1:00

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, 1766
Roy van Vugt

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHM2Arn5uws

Procession 1:01

Brian May, 1974
Queen, Queen II
Joe Brown

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWZDDcptEbM

King's Chorale 1:05

Felix Pappalardi, 1971
Mountain, Flowers of Evil

www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKeMM3YdW28

Dear Friends 1:08

Brian May, 1974

Queen, Sheer Heart Attack

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKH6ztNbcrg

Delitiae Musicae 1:12

Trad, arr Jan Akkerman, 1974

Focus, Hamburger Concerto

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV7uQ5GS4C4

Prelude in C major 1:13

JS Bach, c1720

Twelve Little Preludes, BWV 924

Leonardo Locatelli

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOG0Cd30Jzg

Nevermore 1:18

Freddie Mercury, 1974

Queen, Queen II

www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8q0yN0pGzl

Father Bach 1:33

St. Matthew Passion, arr Thijs van Leer, 1975

Focus, Mother Focus

www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgU2rE7B9t0

Lily of the Valley 1:41

Freddie Mercury, 1974

Queen, Sheer Heart Attack

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYJnqz9H_E0

Horizons 1:41

Genesis, Foxtrot, 1972

Steve Hackett

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5lQGDHu5JE

Pilate's Song 1:44

Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice, 1973

Barry Dennen, Jesus Christ Superstar

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ex0YEDcIZU8

Fanfare Rondeau 1:45

Jean-Joseph Mouret, 1729

Dallas Symphony Orchestra

www.youtube.com/watch?v=krEEDeErJHc

Waltz du petit chien in D flat major 1:46

Fryderyk Chopin, 1847

Opus 64, No 1

Valentina Lisitsa

www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2JCxapd5hU

For Absent Friends 1:48

Genesis, Nursery Cryme, 1972

www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHus88oxvLE

Two Part Invention No. 4 in D minor 1:51

JS Bach, c1720

Inventions and Sinfonias, BWV 775

Emerson, Lake & Palmer, Works Vol. 1, 1977

RIP Keith Emerson 1944–2016

RIP Greg Lake 1947–2016

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOXS4moYZ2c

Andante in C 1:54

Mauro Giuliani, 1813

Raccolta, Opus 43, No. 6

Andres Villamil

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCTZN-1_9bQ

Prelude 2:02

Marc Antoine Charpentier, c1693

Richard McVeigh, Winchester Cathedral

Te Deum in D major, H 146

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Y6t2sEnIKc

Prelude in C major 2:05

JS Bach, c1720

The Well-Tempered Clavier, BWV 846

Lang Lang

www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVah1cr3pU0

Prelude in C minor 2:08

JS Bach, c1720

Twelve Little Preludes, BWV 999

David Tayler

www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnpaMm_2QYc

Georgy Girl 2:10

The Seekers, 1966

RIP Judith Durham 1943–2022

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsIbfYEizLk

Till There Was You 2:16

Meredith Wilson, Music Man, 1957

Beatles, With the Beatles, 1963

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN36SzacyTI

Ich steh mit einem Fuß im Grabe 2:16

JS Bach, c1727

Cantata, BWV 156

Netherlands Bach Society

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0I-yf0Gjoas

Windmills of your mind 2:17

Michel Legrand, Alan & Marilyn Bergman, 1968

Noel Harrison

www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEhS9Y9HYjU

Prelude in E minor 2:20

Frédéric Chopin, 1839

Opus 28, No. 4

Nino Gvetadze

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcJu-oDdac8

Prelude in G major 3:15

JS Bach, c1720

Cello Suite No. 1, BWV 1007

Yo-Yo Ma

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1prweT95Mo0

Little Wing 2:26

Jimi Hendrix, 1967

The Jimi Hendrix Experience, Axis: Bold as Love

www.youtube.com/watch?v=35luFxHO5E0

In My Life 2:26

John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Martin, 1965

The Beatles, Rubber Soul

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqpysaAo4BQ

The Prince of Denmark's March 2:29

Jeremiah Clarke, c1700

Diane Bish, Stacy Blair, Coral Ridge Church FL

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHy3tJJdy24

Valse 2:32

Léo Delibes, 1870

Coppélia, Act 1

www.youtube.com/watch?v=khNP1p5jJo

Voi, che sapete 2:32

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1786

Le Nozze di Figaro, Act 2, K492

www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4QfT5sJcJ0

O Mio Babbino Caro 2:35

Giacoma Puccini, 1918

Gianni Schicchi

Kiri Te Kanawa

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TQFYxrcz_Q

Le Cygne 2:37

Camille Saint-Saëns, 1886

Le Carnaval des Animaux

Ilia Laporev, Augustin Tjampens

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmQRcYuK5KY

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy 2:39

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, 1892

Nutcracker Suite, Act 2, Opus 71a

Lauren Cuthbertson, Royal Ballet & Opera

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV1qLYukTH8

As Tears Go By 2:45

Keith Richards, Mick Jagger, Andrew Oldham, 1964

Rolling Stones, 1965

www.facebook.com/watch/?v=490542954151534

Largo 2:48

JS Bach, c1738

Oboe Concerto in G minor 2, BWV 1056R

Francesco Quaranta, Orchestra Pomeriggi Musicali Milano

www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3ElEznM3sA

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba 2:52

George Frideric Handel, 1748

Solomon, Act 3, HWV 67

The English Concert

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Evvl4z8nv_4

Our House 2:59

Graham Nash, 1969

Crosby, Stills, Nash, Young

Déjà vu, 1970

www.youtube.com/watch?v=aunVlekXjkE

Lacrimosa 3:21

WA Mozart, 1791

Requiem in D minor

Neville Marriner, St. Martin-in-the-Fields

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFFfT_uSF2w

A Rum Tale 3:21

Gary Brooker, Keith Reid, 1973

Procol Harum, Grand Hotel

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGT62dm9Dxg

RIP Gary Brooker, 1945–2022

Barcarolle: Belle Nuit, ô nuit d'amour 3:35

Jacques Offenbach, 1881

Les Contes d'Hoffmann, Act 4

Elīna Garanča, Anna Netrebko

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0u0M4CMq7uI

Oboe Concerto in D minor 3:56

Alessandro Marcello, c1717

Il Adagio, arr JS Bach

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYieKeB_Lcw

Leaf and Stream 3:58

Argus, Wishbone Ash, 1972

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXykXvjpErs

If You're Anxious for to Shine 2:31 (+1:55)

WS Gilbert, Arthur Sullivan, 1881

Patience / Bunthorne's Bride

Dennis Olsen

www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJCyN6rH2cM

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