

Mad World

"**Mad World**" is a [new wave](#) song by [British band Tears for Fears](#). It was first released in September 1982. It then appeared on the band's first [studio album](#) *[The Hurting](#)* (1983).^[1] The song reached number 3 on the [UK Singles Chart](#) in November 1982.

"Mad World" was also famously [covered](#) by [Michael Andrews](#) and [Gary Jules](#). This version was made for the [soundtrack](#) of the [movie *Donnie Darko*](#) (2001).

References

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1. [↑](#) Eder, Bruce. ["The Hurting – Tears for Fears"](#). [AllMusic](#). Retrieved 14 December 2017.

	<div>Tears for Fears</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">vte</div>
<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"></div>	<div>Roland Orzabal</div> <div>Curt Smith</div> <div>Manny Elias</div> <div>Ian Stanley</div>
Studio albums	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">The HurtingSongs from the Big ChairThe Seeds of LoveElementalRaoul and the Kings of SpainEverybody Loves a Happy EndingThe Tipping PointSongs for a Nervous Planet</div>
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