

**1. One music video by this band shows a fictional predecessor with Elisha Cuthbert as the lead singer. They're not Paramore, but another video shows multiple Guinness World Records being broken, including the still-standing "Most People Riding a Skateboard". In addition to (\*) "Perfect Situation" and "Troublemaker", this band also made another video which features dozens of internet memes, "Pork and Beans", and another which sees the band in an episode of *Happy Days*. FTP, name this band which released "Buddy Holly" on the first of its three eponymous albums, with lead singer Rivers Cuomo.**

ANSWER: Weezer

**2. The actor who played the first title character in this movie is currently on Broadway as Fiyero in *Wicked*. This film received the Razzie for Worst Musical in the first 25 years of the "awards", beating out *Glitter* and *Showgirls*. The song "Anytime" appeared on (\*) *Thankful*, the debut album for the female lead. Both stars played characters with the same first name but the last names Bell and Taylor respectively, instead of Guarini and Clarkson. FTP, name this widely panned 2003 movie starring the top two finishers from the first *American Idol*.**

ANSWER: From Justin to Kelly

**3. Buzzfeed called a song by this group with the line "Hey, the guy on the marquee!" the worst song ever. Their "Greatest Hits" album includes covers of "Hey Ya!" and "All Star", the latter of which comes from their debut album. Billboard has named them top (\*) children's album artist the last four years. Bredia Santoro and Matt Martinez are current members of this group who debuted on album #25 of the series, which featured "Roar" and "The Fox" among other songs. FTP, name this series of compilation albums sung "by kids, for kids".**

ANSWER: Kidz Bop

**4. One song by this artist reasons "We're not unreasonable, I mean, no one's gonna eat your eyes." Another extends Christmas greetings from people "working in a mine for our robot overlords." "Re: Your Brains" and "Chiron Beta Prime" are part of this singer's (\*) *Thing a Week* series. Fritos, Tab and Mountain Dew are things liked by his "Code Monkey". John Hodgman frequently collaborates with this man, whose cover of "Baby Got Back" was plagiarized by *Glee*. FTP, name this nerdy singer who wrote "Want You Gone" and "Still Alive" for the two *Portal* video games.**

ANSWER: Jonathan Coulton

**5. This was the title song for the film in which Woody Allen made his on-screen debut; he also wrote the screenplay. In the episode "Tennis the Menace", Abe Simpson sings this song at a Springfield Retirement Castle (\*) talent show, cracking his bones between lines. A later *Simpsons* episode has Jack Black sing a "K-pop" version of it. The Salt and Pepper Diner is the setting for a joke that focuses on this song and "It's Not Unusual". FTP, name this Tom Jones song that John Mulaney set a jukebox to play 21 times during the best meal he's ever had.**

ANSWER: "What's New Pussycat?"

6. In a Billy Joel song with this title, he says “Living alone isn’t all that it’s cracked up to be” and the title character “loves me even if I don’t care”. In *High Fidelity*, Jack Black says a song with this name in the title would bring the house down, if sung at a (\*) funeral. A 1940s movie theme says that this girl “gave your very first kiss to you [...] but she’s only a dream.” FTP, give this female name, who in a Ray Peterson song is the love of stock car racer Tommy whose dying words are “Tell [this girl] I love her.”

ANSWER: Laura

7. A song recently added to this asks “How was I to know at last that happiness can come so fast?” and is titled “Suddenly”. One character dreams of a place where “crying at all is not allowed” while being raised by abusive adoptive parents. The finale promises that (\*) “For the wretched of the earth, there is a flame that never dies” while ghosts of two deceased characters welcome the lead to the afterlife. The end of Act One says that “Tomorrow we’ll discover what our god in heaven has in store / One more dawn, one more day, one day more”. FTP, name this musical about the life of Jean Valjean.

ANSWER: Les Misérables

8. In an episode of *New Girl*, Winston tells Nick, “No picnics, no mini-muffins, and never” this singer. In an *SNL* skit, Emma Stone gets over an emotional episode of *Friday Night Lights* with the help of ice cream and a song by this singer. That song was one of two by this artist mashed up by The (\*) Troubletones in a third-season episode of *Glee*. The 2012 Grammy Awards marked her first live performance after undergoing throat surgery in 2011. FTP, name this British singer who spent those Grammy Awards collecting six trophies, including Song of the Year for “Rolling in the Deep”.

ANSWER: Adele Adkins

9. This song was released as a double A-side with another that repeats “They know what is what, but they don’t know what is what”; that song is “Star 69”. The lyrics to this song reference *Dune*, saying “Walk without rhythm, and it won’t attract (\*) the worm.” The music video takes place in an empty hotel, with a man calling an elevator to the line “You could go with this, or you could go with that” before jumping off a balcony and floating through the air. FTP, name this song by Fatboy Slim, best known for a video featuring a dancing Christopher Walken.

ANSWER: “Weapon of Choice”

10. In one song by this name, one person is called “deep like a graveyard, wide like TV” and asks “Does your daddy have a shotgun?” An album with this title contained the song “Sorry” and was Buckcherry’s biggest-selling record. The most popular song with this title recounts events that happened to (\*) Abigail Anderson, concluding that she “gave everything she had / To a boy who changed his mind”, but the singer “didn’t know who [she] was supposed to be” at the title age. FTP, give this shared name for songs about youthful love, by Rilo Kiley and Taylor Swift.

ANSWER: “15”

**11. On two separate occasions, this singer has tweeted on April 20 that the Columbine massacre killed his buzz. In 2009, he posted that was friends with a wolf, and that “I love New York. Pause. I’m so not gay”. Most recently, he said that he wasn’t (\*) Jewish but had “hella good Jewish homies”. In January 2014, he sent a private message that “It’s weird and sucks that I robbed you”, then publicly posted that apology to Kendrick Lamar. FTP, name this alleged rapper who sent that tweet after winning a Grammy for Best Rap Album for *The Heist* alongside Ryan Lewis.**

ANSWER: Macklemore (do not accept “Macklemore and Ryan Lewis”)

**12. This man narrates a film in which Seann William Scott plays identical twin brothers Roland and Ronald Taverner, *Southland Tales*. In one video, he suggests a gift works equally well “midday at the grocery store” or “backstage at the CMAs”. “He’s not a god”, he’s “25 minutes late” is how (\*) Eduardo describes another character played by this man, who says “A million dollars isn’t cool.” That role was in the middle of a hiatus in the music career that ended with a 2013 double album, *The 20/20 Experience*. FTP, name this former member of ‘N Sync who looks fashionable in his “Suit & Tie”.**

ANSWER: Justin Timberlake

**13. One of these features dozens of teenage girls posing with teddy bears, while the singer lists off “You’re vain, your games, you’re insecure, you love me, you like her”. Another sees that singer dancing in front of a giant (\*) American flag, “nodding my head like yeah”. A third sees one person pretend to cut her fingers off and a creepy white mask singing a repeated line. The most infamous of these has repeated close-ups of the singer’s face as she cries before showing her swinging on the title object, naked. FTP, name these works set to, among others, “7 Things” and “We Can’t Stop” sung by the child star who played *Hannah Montana*.**

ANSWER: Miley Cyrus music videos

**14. The original version of this song asks “Where’s the fairytale, where’s her dream? Where’s the quarterback from her high school football team?” while the more popular cover asks when reality became TV. That latter version was followed up by the less successful single “Almost” off of the album (\*) *A Hangover You Don’t Deserve*. SR-71 originally performed this song, which recalled the era of “U2 and Blondie and music still on MTV”. FTP, name this song made popular by Bowling for Soup, in which Debbie wishes it were still the year in which the tossup writer was born.**

ANSWER: “1985”

**15. “The Chance May Never Come Again” was written for one television network to conclude its last annual broadcast for this activity. David Letterman sings the refrain of one song about this activity, in which the main character is told “Don’t put the (\*) biscuit in the basket” and Warren Zevon asks “What else can a farmboy from Canada do?” Stompin’ Tom Connors says this is “the best game you can name” and sings of a group of people who “storm the crease like bumblebees.” FTP, name this winter sport, the subject of the song “Hit Somebody!”, whose participants compete for the Stanley Cup.**

ANSWER: hockey

**16. In one of these, a “unique similarity” is celebrated with a song that goes “Every night, all night, cheesesteak, cheesesteak.” Another features an annoyed family insisting “It’s next month actually” and “No, four, remember?” to (\*) Eddie Money. A stack of money with googly-eyes stares at people while “Somebody’s Watching Me” plays in a third example of this genre, while a recent one features a pig listening to “Boots and Pants” after finding his bill has already been paid. FTP, name these short videos used by a car insurance company that could save you 15%.**

ANSWER: GEICO commercials (prompt on “[car] insurance commercials”)

**17. This partnership was responsible for a song in which the title object is equated to a “shotgun wedding to a bride with a paper ring”, but both singers conclude that “I can’t stop loving you” with “Half of My Heart”. After it ended, one of these two people wrote a song telling the other “You’re like (\*) 22 girls in one” after she had written a song asking “Don’t you think I was too young to be messed with?” They later dated Katy Perry and Harry Styles, respectively. FTP, name these two serial monogamists who had an ill-fated and brief relationship in 2009 and 2010.**

ANSWER: John Mayer and Taylor Swift [accept in either order; generously prompt if only one is given]

**18. This character is “arriving in the speed of time” according to one song about him, which calls him “Spectacular”. The Magnificent Six wrote several tracks for a soundtrack album for a film about this character, while Chad Kroeger wrote the song (\*) “Hero” for a different film about him. In *The Simpsons Movie*, Homer makes a parody of this character, and sings “Can he swing? No he can’t, he’s a pig.” The most famous song about this character says that “Wealth and fame, he’s ignored”. FTP, name this comic book character who “spins a web, any size”.**

ANSWER: Spider-Man (accept “The Amazing Spider-Man”)

**19. This group released an album with John Denver entitled *A Christmas Together*. In the video for “Do it Anyway”, some of them appear and interrupt Ben Folds Five’s performance. OK Go joined them to cover their theme song for their (\*) *Green Album*; that song includes the line “Why do we always come here? I guess we’ll never know”. The first episode of their television show popularized a gibberish song that originated in an Italian film, “Mahna Mahna”, and their most famous member sang “Rainbow Connection”. FTP, name these creations of Jim Henson, including Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog.**

ANSWER: Jim Henson’s Muppets

**20. A character who poses as Senorita Banana attempts to seduce the main character of this work in one song. In another song, a group of characters sings that “When the odds are saying you’ll never win, that’s when the grin should start”. Besides the numbers “Whatever (\*) Lola Wants, Lola Gets” and “Heart”, this musical also features a scene where Mr. Applegate attempts to make a deal with Joe Boyd. This work is based on the Douglass Wallop novel *The Year [a certain team] Lost the Pennant*. FTP, name this musical where Applegate is actually the Devil and Joe Boyd roots against a New York baseball team.**

ANSWER: Damn Yankees

OT. One song from this album said “Old folks’ll tell you not to play in traffic / A million hits and the web crashes” and has a refrain calling on “Sweet Queen Coretta” and other civil rights leaders. The opening track bemoans “Lies on the lips of a priest / Thanksgiving disguised as a feast”, and features Frank Ocean asking “What’s a god to a non-believer?” Besides “Made in America” and “No Church in the Wild”, this album also has a song with a sample from *Blades of Glory*, boasts of how the singers “ball so hard” and warns “Don’t let me into my zone”. FTP, name this 2011 collaboration album from Jay-Z and Kanye West.

ANSWER: Watch the Throne