The Music Genome project powers Pandora through a team of musicologists, trained persons that listen to an extensive amount of music and categorize it into different fields like melody, harmony, rhythm, and instrumentation. There are reportedly over 450 different attributes that these musicologists use to categorize. This data is then used to match listeners with music tailored to their tastes, helping them discover new music.

I picked the artist 2hollis, one I’ve been following for a very long time. The songs were as follows:

* Whiplash – 2hollis
* NBSPLV – The Lost soul down
* Sick – Snow Strippers
* Afraid – 2hollis ft nate sib
* Forfeit – 2hollis

The categories were Witch House, Electropop, and more. I think this is accurate and fits (most) of these tracks well. These tracks are likely stored in a very large database with those hundreds of attributes, or categories, that are applied as the musicologists listen. In the context of an SQL database, I can imagine that there is a “song” table, “artist” table, and more that are run through when the algorithm decides for new songs for its listeners. I like 4/5 of these songs, I have no idea what the second one was, and it doesn’t fit into the genre that I enjoy. I have heard all of the other songs before. The second song is very out of place, which I will attribute to 2hollis being a recently popularized artist. I would put the others together in a playlist, I already have done so