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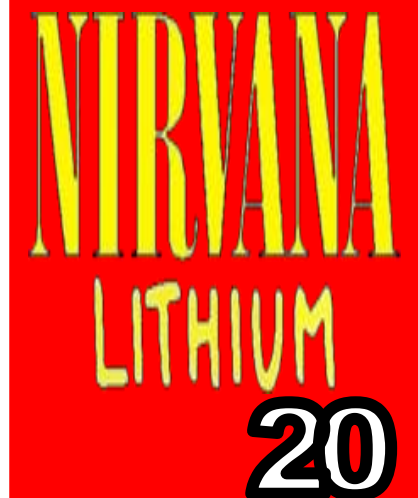
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#1 – SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT

With the lights out it's less dangerous.

I Thought...

What do you think?



**Have you
Heard any of
these songs?**

NIRVANA



How was Nirvana formed? Before we get into “Nirvana’s top 5 songs” let’s check do a background check.

Kurt Cobain first met Krist Novoselic (the bassist of the band) in high school, but they didn’t become friends until they would regularly run into each other at the Melvin’s practice space. Kurt then wanted to start a band with Krist and gave him a demo for his band Fecal Matter. It took Krist three years after they met for Krist to listen to the demo and agree to form a band.

Kurt and Krist first recruited Bob McFadden to play drums, but that only lasted a month. Then they began playing with Adam Burckhard. The new trio went by various names such as, Ted Ed Fred, Skid Road, and Pen Cap Chew.

They eventually settled on the name Nirvana because, according to Kurt, “I wanted a name that was kind of beautiful or nice instead of a mean raunchy punk name like Angry Samoans.

Now that we have the whole background of the famous rock band that changed rock music, let’s get started with song number 5!

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In Bloom

Record Producer: Butch Vig
Album: Nevermind
Release Date: November 30th, 1992

HE'S THE ONE WHO LIKES ALL OUR PRETTY
SONGS, AND HE LIKES TO SING ALONG. AND
HE LIKES TO SHOOT HIS GUN, BUT HE KNOWS
NOT WHAT IT MEANS. KNOWS NOT WHAT
IT MEANS, AND I SAY.

Nirvana first played the song the night before it was demoed. Bassist Krist Novoselic recalled that it "originally sounded like a Bad Brains song. Then Kurt turned it into a pop song".^[2] Cobain went home and reworked the song, playing the revised version of it over the phone to Novoselic.^[3] The band recorded "In Bloom" with producer Butch Vig at Smart Studios in Madison, Wisconsin during April 1990.

In Bloom

Music video description

Nirvana parodying early 1960s variety shows in the second "In Bloom" video. The band members are dressed as "thoroughly all right and decent fellas" and are filmed entirely in black and white.

Covers

Sturgill Simpson recorded a country cover in 2016 which received air play on alternative stations.

Track listing

The song "In Bloom" is four minutes and twenty seconds long.

Chart positions

Australia: 73

Ireland: 7

U.S: 5

Quote:

Rather be dead then cool~ Kurt Cobain.

Song: He's the one who likes all our pretty songs and he likes to sing along.

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Lithium

Record Producer: Butch Vig
Album: Nevermind
Release date: July 13th, 1992

The image shows the album cover for 'Lithium' by Nirvana. The title 'LITHIUM' is written in large, serif, all-caps letters across the top. Below it, the word 'NIRVANA' is written in a smaller, similar font. The background is a dark, grainy photograph of a forest with trees and a path.

"Lithium" is representative of the musical style Nirvana had developed during work on Nevermind, alternating between quiet and loud sections. In the song, Cobain fingers chord shapes on his guitar but varies between playing single notes and double stops on the instrument, giving the track a loose feel.

Lithium

Music video description

The music video for "Lithium" was the second Nirvana video directed by Kevin Kerslake. Cobain originally wanted the video to feature an animated story about a girl named Prego who discovers some eggs that hatch. When Cobain and Kerslake discovered the animation would take four months to produce, they instead created a film collage of Nirvana performing in concert.

Covers

There was no covers that I could find.

Track listing

The song "Lithium" is four minutes and sixteen seconds long.

Chart positions

Australia: 53

Ireland: 5

U.S: 16

Quote

I'd rather be hated for who I am, then loved for who I am not.

Song:

I'm so happy 'cause today I found my friends,
they're in my head.

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Come as you are

Record Producer: Butch Vig

Album: Nevermind

Release date: March 3rd, 1992



Come as you are is a great song for... everyone! Well everyone who likes rock music, that is! Now keep on reading to find out almost everything you should know about "Come as you are"!

Come as you are

Music Video Description

The video features the band in a dark room, where the appearance of falling water in front of the band distorts and blurs the band members' faces (an idea suggested by Cobain). Throughout the video, clips such as cells multiplying at an incredible rate, to a living organism in its embryonic stages are shown.

Track listing

The song is 3 minutes and thirty-nine seconds long.

Chart positions

Australia: 25

Canada: 27

Ireland: 7

Covers

Civil Twilight, Evan Peters, and "The King"

Song:

Come as you are, as you were, as I want you to be.

Quote

Practice makes perfect. But nobody's perfect so why practice?

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Heart shaped box

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IN UTERO



Heart-Shaped Box

Record producer: Steve Albini

Album: In Utero

Release date: August 30, 1993

The song was released as the first single from the group's third and final studio album, In Utero, in 1993. It was one of two songs from the album mixed by Scott Litt in order to augment the original production by producer Steve Albini.

Heart Shaped Box

Music video description

The video begins and ends with the band in a hospital setting watching an old man being administered medication through an IV drip. The majority of the video takes place in a surreal outdoor setting that incorporates imagery from the film *The Wizard of Oz*.

Track listing

The song is four minutes and thirty-nine seconds long.

Covers

Lana Del Ray and Robot Heart both did covers of the song.

Chart Positions

Australia: 21

Ireland: 6

Canada: 17

Quote

They laugh at me because I'm different. I laugh at them because they're all the same.

Song:

She has me like a Pisces when I am weak.

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Smells like teen spirit

SMELLS LIKE
TEEN SPIRIT

Record Prducer: Butch Vig

Album: Nevermind

Release date: September 10, 1991

It is the opening track and lead single from the band's second album, Nevermind released on DGC Records. Written by Kurt Cobain, Krist Novoselic, and Dave Grohl and produced by Butch Vig, the song uses a verse-chorus form where the main four-chord riff is used during the intro and chorus to create an alternating loud and quiet dynamic. The sound of the song (as Cobain admitted) is modeled after the sound of the Pixies.

Smells like teen spirit

Music video description

The video was based on the concept of a school concert which ends in anarchy and riot. Inspiration was taken from Jonathan Kaplan's 1979 film, *Over the Edge*, as well as the Ramones' film *Rock 'n' Roll High School*.

Track listing

This song is four minutes and thirty seconds.

Covers

ricardo vignini & ze helder and Richard Cheese did covers for this song.

Chart positions

Australia: 5
Ireland: 15
Canada: 9

Quote

A friend is nothing but a known enemy.

Song:

With the lights out it's less dangerous.

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