

## 2018 Song of the Year “Ode to Song”

(Sung to the tune of Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy”)

*Music by Ludwig van Beethoven. Lyrics curated by Scott Johnson.*

### **Times they are a-changin’ faster**

Can you see what’s goin’ down  
People long for love and laughter  
Can you see it clearly now

### **Take a sad song, make it better**

Sing it out and sing it strong  
Everybody get together  
Raise your voice and sing along

### **We’re the ones to make the magic**

And we’ve only just begun  
Sing along and just imagine  
How the world can be as one

*(Instrumental break)*

### **We did not ignite the fire**

But we’re standing in the flame  
Do we lift ourselves up higher  
Do we wallow in the pain

### **Let us rise up, face the music**

Take it to the streets today  
Got a heart and soul, then use it  
Do it now and don’t delay

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These lyrics have been pulled together from 20 popular songs as a tribute to the power of song with an invitation to sing along.

# From Now On

By Justin Paul and Benj Pasek  
(World Singing Day 2018 Global Video Song)

(Start 2 minutes in)

I drank champagne with kings and queens  
The politicians praised my name  
But those are someone else's dreams  
The pitfalls of the man I became  
For years and years I chased their cheers  
The crazy speed of always needing more  
But when I stop and see you here  
I remember who all this was for

**And from now on...**

These eyes will not be blinded by the lights

**From now on...**

What's waited till tomorrow starts tonight  
It starts tonight

**And let this promise in me start**

**Like an anthem in my heart**

**From now on, from now on,**

From now on

**And we will come back home**

**And we will come back home**

**Home again**

**2 Sets – unison, 5 Sets - parts**

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**Home again**

**1 loud set – parts**

**1 quiet set – parts**

**1 quiet set – unison**

From now on, from now on

Home again 2x

# The Lion Sleeps Tonight

By Solomon Linda, Hugo Peretti,  
George David Weiss, Luigi Creatore, Albert Stanton

*chorus:*

A-weeeeeee-ee-ee-ee-ee  
A-we-um-um-away  
A-weeeeeee-ee-ee-ee-ee  
A-we-um-um-away

In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight  
In the jungle, the quiet jungle, the lion sleeps tonight

*chorus*

Near the village, the peaceful village, the lion sleeps tonight  
Near the village, the quiet village, the lion sleeps tonight

*chorus*

Instrumental and boogie

Hush my darling don't fear my darling, the lion sleeps tonight  
Hush my darling don't fear my darling, the lion sleeps tonight

*chorus*

# Edelweiss

By Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein

Edelweiss, Edelweiss  
Every morning you greet me  
Small and white, clean and bright  
You look happy to meet me

Blossom of snow may you  
bloom and grow  
Bloom and grow forever  
Edelweiss, Edelweiss  
Bless my homeland forever

# Valerie

[Amy Winehouse](#)

Well sometimes I go out by myself, And I look across the water  
And I think of all the things, what you're doing  
And in my head I paint a picture

'Cause since I've come on home, Well my body's been a mess  
And I've missed your ginger hair, And the way you like to dress  
Won't you come on over', Stop making a fool out of me  
Why don't you come on over Valerie?  
Valerie, Valerie  
Valerie

Did you have to go to jail,  
Put your house on up for sale, did you get a good lawyer?  
I hope you didn't catch a tan,  
I hope you'll find the right man who'll fix it for ya  
And are you shopping anywhere,  
Changed the colour of your hair, are you busy?  
And did you have to pay that fine  
You were dodging all the time, are you still dizzy?

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Valerie, Valerie  
Valerie, Valerie,  
Valerie, Valerie  
Valerie

**Why don't come over Valerie?**

Songwriters: Abigail Harding / Boyan Chowdhury / David Alan McCabe / Russell Thomas Pritchard / Sean Francis Caleb  
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# Stand By Me

[Ben E. King](#)

When the night has come  
And the land is dark  
And the moon is the only light we'll see  
No I won't be afraid  
No I won't be afraid  
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

So darling, darling stand by me  
Oh, stand by me  
Oh stand  
Stand by me, stand by me

If the sky that we look upon  
Should tumble and fall  
And the mountain should crumble to the sea  
I won't cry, I won't cry  
No I won't shed a tear  
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

And darling, darling stand by me  
Oh, stand by me  
Stand by me,  
Stand by me, stand by me

Instrumental – dance with the person next to you

And Darling, darling stand by me  
Oh Stand by me  
Stand by me, stand by me, stand by me  
Whenever you're in trouble won't you stand by me  
Oh, stand by me  
Oh stand now,  
Stand by me, stand by me,

Songwriters: Ben King / Jerry Leiber / Mike Stoller

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# Hallelujah

[Jeff Buckley](#)

Well I've heard there was a secret chord  
That David played and it pleased the Lord  
But you don't really care for music, do ya?  
Well it goes like this:  
The fourth, the fifth, the minor fall and the major lift  
The baffled king composing Hallelujah  
Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah

Well your faith was strong but you needed proof  
You saw her bathing on the roof  
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew ya  
She tied you to her kitchen chair  
And she broke your throne and she cut your hair  
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

Instrumental

Key change 1 2 3  
Maybe there's a God above  
But all I've ever learned from love  
Was how to shoot somebody who outdrew ya  
And it's not a cry that you hear at night  
It's not somebody who's seen the light  
It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

Songwriters: Leonard Cohen

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# Don't Stop Believin'

## Journey

Just a small-town girl  
Livin' in a lonely world  
She took the midnight train goin' anywhere  
Just a city boy  
Born and raised in south Detroit  
He took the midnight train goin' anywhere

Air guitar solo

A singer in a smoky room  
A smell of wine and cheap perfume  
For a smile they can share the night  
It goes on and on, and on, and on

Strangers waiting  
Up and down the boulevard  
Their shadows searching in the night  
Streetlights, people  
Living just to find emotion  
Hiding somewhere in the night

Working hard to get my fill  
Everybody wants a thrill  
Payin' anything to roll the dice  
Just one more time  
Some will win, some will lose  
Some were born to sing the blues  
Oh, the movie never ends  
It goes on and on, and on, and on

Strangers waiting  
Up and down the boulevard  
Their shadows searching in the night  
Streetlights, people  
Living just to find emotion  
Hiding somewhere in the night

More air guitar solo

Don't stop believin', Hold on to the feelin'  
Streetlights, people  
Don't stop believin', Hold on to that feeling  
Streetlights, people  
Don't stop believin', Hold on to the feelin'  
Streetlights, people

**Don't stop!** Songwriters: Steve Perry / Jonathan Cain / Neal Schon  
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