

ROCK MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS VIII



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- 1> In "Jailhouse Rock", Elvis says that "the whole rhythm section" was what gang of real-life Jewish criminals?
- 2> With the slogan "Above Us Only Sky", Liverpool's airport was renamed for which of the Beatles?
- 3> What singer died of a heart attack on a "Monday Monday" in 1974, but was rumored to have choked on a ham sandwich?
- 4> What "Peace Train" singer converted to Islam, became Yusuf Islam, and condoned the fatwa against Salman Rushdie?
- 5> What song did Percy Sledge create spontaneously on stage with the Esquires Combo, after a girlfriend left him for an LA modeling career?
- 6> Booking the Guess Who and the Turtles for his daughters, who was the first president to host a White House rock concert?
- 7> What rock band was named for a gym teacher at Robert E Lee High School in Jacksonville, Florida?
- 8> What song, recorded at Dynamite Sound Studio in Jamaica, did Paul Simon write after enjoying a chicken-and-egg dish at a Chinese restaurant?
- 9> Gladys Knight's version of this song was #1 the first week of January 1968, while the Marvin Gaye version was number one the last week of December 1968. What song was this?
- 10> Whose "A Horse With No Name" brought us such ridiculous lyrics as "In the desert, you can remember your name, cause there ain't no one for to give you no pain"?
- 11> The only Beach Boy who actually surfed happened to be the one who drowned in 1983. Who was he?

12> Linda Ronstadt's backup band on 1970's "Silk Purse" formed which band of their own?

13> What Black Sabbath guitarist lost two of his right-hand fingertips in a welding accident at a sheet metal factory when he was a teenager?

14> Of the 741 weeks that "Dark Side of the Moon" spent on the Billboard charts, how many of those weeks did it spend at #1?

15> Which of the future "Friends" did the Boss pull out of the crowd to dance with him in the "Dancing in the Dark" video?

Answers:

1> Detroit's Purple Gang - They appear to have acquired this name from a shopkeeper, who said that they were rotten, like bad meat.

2> John - Previously, it was called Speke Airport

3> Mama Cass - Mama Cass Elliot was part of the Mamas and the Papas. The rumor started because police found a half-eaten sandwich.

4> Cat Stevens - Stevens was born Stephen Georgiou, but after nearly drowning, the Greco-Briton converted to Islam.

5> When a Man Loves a Woman - He was singing it at an Elks Club when producer Quin Ivy heard it.

6> Richard Nixon - Near certainty of impeachment, Nixon resigned the office of the presidency on August 9, 1974.

7> Lynyrd Skynyrd - Before that, it was called My Backyard, which was a terrible name.

8> Mother and Child Reunion - He ended up with a reggae-tinted song about his pet dog, who had been run over by a car on a sad and mournful day.

9> I Heard It Through the Grapevine - The tune thus bookended 1968

10> America - Some say it's a drug song, since it makes no sense, and 'horse' is slang for 'heroin'.

11> Dennis Wilson - He was trying to retrieve personal effects he drunkenly tossed off his boat.

12> Eagles - They first played together in 1970 at Disneyland, where they did a Date Nite gig on the Tomorrowland Stage.

13> Tony Iommi - He replaced the missing tips with plastic thimbles. He also learned to play with lighter banjo strings and tuned his guitar down three semi-tones.

14> One - Those 741 weeks set a record.

15> Courteney Cox - Brian De Palma directed the video.

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