Popular Music

What are your favorite songs? How closely do they match the songs favored by the rest of the world?

Spotify recently released its list of the 500 most popular songs of 2021, which is to say, the songs that have been most downloaded across all platforms. The list includes:

1. “Save Your Tears,” The Weekend

2. “Leave the Door Open,” Bruno Mars

3. “Armageddon,” Dave from the Grave

4. “Peaches,” Justin Bieber, Daniel Caesar, Giveon

5. “Montero (Call Me By Your Name),” Lil Nas X

6. “LLC, “ Money Man

7. “Build a Bitch,” Bella Poarch

8. “Drivers License,” Olivia Rodrigo

9. “My Heart It Beats for You,” grentperez

10. “Butter,” BTS

Interestingly, iTunes has a different list:

1. “Easy on Me,” Adele

2. “Way 2 Sexy,” Drake

3. “Knife Talk,” Drake

4. “Who Want Smoke??,” Nardo Wick

5. “Girls Want Girls,” Drake

6. “Bubbly,” Young Thug

7. “Industry Baby,” Lil Nas & Jack Harlow

8. “Thriller,” Michael Jackson

9. “Stay,” The Kid LAROI & Justin Bieber

10. “Fair Trade,” Drake

Yet another list, this time from Billboard, lists the most popular songs of *all time*—actually since the publication began ranking sales and downloads since 1958. This list looks a bit different:

1. “The Twist,” Chubby Checker

2. “Smooth,” Santana

3. “Mack the Knife,” Bobby Darin

4. “Uptown Funk!,” Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars

5. “How Do I Live,” Leann Rimes

6. “Party Rock Anthem,” LMFAO

7. “I Gotta Feeling,” The Black Eyed Peas

8. “Macarena,” Los Del Rio

9. “Shape of You,” Ed Sheehan

10. “Physical,” Olivia Newton-John

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