

The Moon in Song

Our moon has long been celebrated in song. Dr. Steven Williams made this list for moon.nasa.gov, starting with his personal favorites. See the whole list and share your own favorites at moon.nasa.gov/songs.

Dr. Steve's Top 10 Classic Songs About The Moon

MOONLIGHT SONATA 1801
Ludwig van Beethoven
 Not to be confused with "Moonlight Sinatra," Piano Sonata No. 14 is Beethoven's most popular piano composition.



CLAIR DE LUNE 1905
Claude Debussy
 French for "moonlight," this is the third and most famous movement of Debussy's Suite bergamasque.

MOON RIVER 1961
Audrey Hepburn
 Composed by Henry Mancini with lyrics by Johnny Mercer, Audrey's performance in "Breakfast at Tiffany's" won it an Academy Award for Best Original Song.



BLUE MOON OF KENTUCKY 1946
Bill Monroe and The Blue Grass Boys
 Bill's famous bluegrass waltz has been covered by Elvis, Ray Charles, Patsy Cline and many others.

(ON) MOONLIGHT BAY 1912
Billy Murray and The American Quartet
 Often sung as a barbershop quartet, this song of lost love also was a favorite of Porky Pig and other Looney Tunes characters.

FLY ME TO THE MOON 1954
Frank Sinatra
 Sinatra's famous 1964 version beamed back to Earth from the Apollo 10 crew in lunar orbit.

BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON 1909
Lillian Lorraine
 This New York City Tin Pan Alley song was later covered by Doris Day and The Three Stooges.

BAD MOON RISING 1969
Creedence Clearwater Revival
 John Fogerty's rock 'n' roll classic is one of Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

OH MISTER MOON
Traditional Campfire Song
 Many variations, with requests of "won't you shine down on me" ranging from love to possum hunting.

UNDER A RAGING MOON 1985
Roger Daltrey
 Daltrey's solo album contains an all-star tribute to The Who drummer Keith Moon, who died in 1979.



10 SONGS ABOUT PROJECT APOLLO

- APOLLO 11 - Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark
- TO OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN - The Moody Blues
- SATURN V - Inspirial Carpets
- FOR MICHAEL COLLINS, JEFFREY & ME - Jethro Tull
- APOLLO - Alan Parsons
- ARMSTRONG, ALDRIN & COLLINS - The Byrds
- EVERYONE'S GONE TO THE MOON - J. King
- JOURNEY TO THE MOON - Sound of Genesis
- MOON MAIDEN - Duke Ellington
- MOON RIDER - Up With People

COLORFUL MOON SONGS

- RED MOON 2008 The Walkmen
- ORANGE MOON 2000 Erykah Badu
- YELLOW MOON 1975 The Grateful Dead
- CHARTREUSE MOON 2006 Scarlet Slipping
- GREEN MOON 2011 Sunsphere
- BLUE MOON 1934 Rodgers and Hart
- INDIGO MOON 1995 Heather Myles
- UNDER THE PURPLE MOON 1972 Rita Clarke
- UNDER A VIOLET MOON 1999 Blackmore's Night
- KIKO AND THE LAVENDER MOON 1992 Los Lobos
- PINK MOON 1972 Nick Drake
- WHITE MOON 2005 The White Stripes
- BLACK MOON 1992 ELP
- BLACK MOON DAY 1998 Dakota Moon
- INDIGO MOON 2008 Michael Diamond
- THE MOON WAS YELLOW 1966 Frank Sinatra
- BLACK MOON 2005 The Delftones

GEOGRAPHICAL MOON SONGS

MINNESOTA HALF MOON 2000 The Big Wu

MOONLIGHT IN VERMONT 1944 Blackburn/Suessdorf

DREAMY OLD NEW ENGLAND MOON 1949 Dean Martin

MONTANA CALL 1930 Joan Crawford

HALF KANSAS MOON 1995 Dash Rip Rock

IDAHO MOON 1997 Ranger Doug

NEBRASKA MOON 1944 Ole Rasmussen and His Nebraska Cornhuskers

OLD NEVADA MOON 2005 Patsy Montana

COLORADO MOON 1987 Tim Malchak

UTAH MOON 2006 Laurie Wheeler

MISSISSIPPI MOON 2001 Jerry Garcia Band

NEW MEXICO MOON 2012 The Vains

ROLL ON TEXAS MOON 1946 Roy Rogers and Dale Evans

TENNESSEE MOON 1996 Neil Diamond

TEXAS MOON 2002 Gary P. Nunn

VIRGINIA MOON 2005 Foo Fighters

UNDER A TEXAS MOON 1930 Bert Lown's Biltmore Hotel Orchestra

MOON OVER ALABAMA 1927 Weill/Brecht

ARIZONA MOON 1986 The Three Amigos

MOON OVER BOURBON STREET 1985 Sting

CAROLINA MOON 1958 Connie Francis

MOON OVER MIAMI 1935 Davis/Burke

AUSTRALIA

SORRENTO MOON 1995 Tina Arena

CUBA

HAVANA MOON 1957 Chuck Berry