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.

**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.

**CLAIR DE LUNE** 1905  
Claude Debussy  
French for “moonlight,” this is the third and most famous movement of Debussy’s Suite bergamasque.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**10 SONGS ABOUT PROJECT APOLLO**

- *Apollo 11 – Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark*
- *To Our Children’s Children* – The Moody Blues
- *Saturn V – Inspiral 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

**7 GEOGRAPHICAL MOON SONGS**

- **MOON OVER MIAMI** 1935 Davis/Burke
- **HAVANA MOON** 1957 Chuck Berry
- **MINNESOTA HALF MOON** 2000 The Big Wu
- **MOONLIGHT IN VERMONT** 1944 Blackburn/Suessdorf
- **MOON OVER BOURBON STREET** 1985 Sting
- **HALF KANSAS MOON** 1995 Dash Rip Rock
- **DREAMY OLD NEW ENGLAND MOON** 1949 Dean Martin

- **ARIZONA MOON** 1986 The Three Amigos
- **CAROLINA MOON** 1958 Connie Francis
- **MONTANA CALL** 1930 Joan Crawford
- **IDAHO MOON** 1997 Ranger Doug
- **VIRGINIA MOON** 2005 Foo Fighters
- **MISSISSIPPI MOON** 2001 Jerry Garcia Band
- **TENNESSEE MOON** 1996 Neil Diamond
- **TEXAS MOON** 2002 Gary P. Nunn
- **UNDER A TEXAS MOON** 1930 Bert Lown’s Biltmore Hotel Orchestra
- **ROLL ON TEXAS MOON** 1946 Roy Rogers and Dale Evans
- **NEBRASKA MOON** 1944 Ole Rasmussen and His Nebraska Cornhuskers
- **OLD NEVADA MOON** 2005 Patsy Montana
- **COLORADO MOON** 1987 Tim Malchak
- **SORRENTO MOON** 1995 Tina Arena
- **UTAH MOON** 2006 Laurie Wheeler
- **NEW MEXICO MOON** 2012 The Vains
- **MOON OVER ALABAMA** 1927 Weill/Brecht
- **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
- **CUBA**
- **GEOGRAPHICAL MOON SONGS**
- **COLORFUL MOON SONGS**
- **RED MOON** 2008 The Walkmen
- **ORANGE MOON** 2000 Erykah Badu
- **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
- **BLACK MOON** 1992 ELP
- **BLACK MOON DAY** 1998 Dakota Moon
- **BLACK MOON** 2005 The Deftones
- **WHITE MOON** 2005 The White Stripes
- **YELLOW MOON** 1975 The Grateful Dead
- **THE MOON WAS YELLOW** 1966 Frank Sinatra
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