

# Are You in Tune With the Holiday Classics?



## Classic Christmas Music Trivia Questions

1. What year was the first Christmas-themed song to mention St. Nick and his story released?
2. Which Christmas song holds the Guinness World Record for being the first song played in space?
3. How many times did Nat "King" Cole record his illustrious Christmas song, "The Christmas Song"?
4. What American artist first brought "White Christmas" to audiences in the 1942 film *Holiday Inn*?
5. The 1944 film *Meet Me in St. Louis* introduced which famous Christmas song to audiences around the world?
6. The controversial song "Santa Baby" was first sung by which former actress, known for her easily identifiable speaking voice and such roles as Catwoman, Madam Zeroni, and Yzma?
7. What lyric was changed to "Frosty the Snowman" when it was used in the eponymous animated special in 1969 to make it more connected to Christmas?
8. What song does the Library of Congress describe as being "the most requested song at Christmas U.S.O. shows in both Europe and the Pacific" in 1944?
9. During the shadow-puppet scene in *Home Alone* where Kevin tries to show the wet bandits that he's not by himself, which famous Christmas song can be heard?

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1. 1864 in Benjamin Hanby's "Up On The Housetop"
2. "Jingle Bells"
3. He recorded the single four separate times: 1946, later in 1946, 1953, and 1961.
4. Bing Crosby
5. "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"
6. Eartha Kitt
7. The lyric "I'll be back again someday" was changed to "I'll be back on Christmas Day."
8. Bing Crosby's "I'll Be Home for Christmas"
9. Brenda Lee's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"

## Contemporary Christmas Music Trivia Questions

1. While each member of The Beatles has released Christmas songs during their solo careers, Paul McCartney's and John Lennon's are by far the most popular. What are the names of these two songs?
2. Which band's song "Last Christmas" inspired the plot of a 2019 romantic Christmas movie?
3. Mariah Carey holds the record for being the first artist with a no. 1 single in four decades for which song?

4. The musical supergroup Band Aid released what highly publicized Christmas song in 1984 to help combat famine in Ethiopia?
5. Which classically trained male singer brings a rich take on such classics as "Silent Night" and "Little Drummer Boy" in his Christmas album *Noel*?
6. Which pop princess' Christmas single hit number one on the Billboard Holiday Charts in 2015?

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1. Lennon's "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)" and McCartney's "Wonderful Christmastime"
2. Wham!
3. "All I Want for Christmas Is You"
4. "Do They Know It's Christmas?"
5. Josh Groban
6. Ariana Grande

