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1 † Back in the U.S.S.R.

Flew in from Miami Beach BOAC Didn't get to bed last night On the way the paper bag was on my knew Man I had a dreadful flight I'm back in the U.S.S.R. You don't know how lucky you are boy Back in the U.S.S.R.

Been away so long I hardly knew the place Gee it's good to be back home Leave it till tomorrow to unpack my case Honey disconnect the phone I'm back in the U.S.S.R. You don't know how lucky you are boy

Well the Ukraine girls really knock me out They leave the West behind And Moscow girls make me sing and shout

I'm back in the U.S.S.R. You don't know how lucky you are boys Back in the U.S.S.R.

Show me round your snow peaked mountains way down south Take me to your daddy's farm Let me hear your balalalaks' ringing out Come and keep your comrade warm. I'm back in the U.S.S.R. You don't know how lucky you are boys Back in the U.S.S.R.

2 † Dear Prudence

Dear Prudence, won't you come out to play Dear Prudence, greet the brand new day The sun is up, the sky is blue It's beautiful and so are you Dear Prudence won't you come out to play?

Dear Prudence open up your eyes Dear Prudence see the sunny skies The wind is low the birds will sing That you are part of everything Dear Prudence won't you open up your ey

Look around round Look around round round Look around

Dear Prudence let me see you smile Dear Prudence like a little child The clouds will be a daisy chain So let me see you smile again

3 † Glass Onion

I told you about strawberry fields You know the place where nothing is real Well here's another place you can go Where everything flows.

Looking through the bent backed tulips To see how the other half live Looking through a glass onion. I told you about the waltus and me-man You know that we're as close as can be-man Well here's another clue for you all The waltrus was Paul.

The waltrus was Paul.

Standing on the cast iron shore-yeah Lady Madonna trying to make ends meet-yeah Looking through a glass onion. Oh yeah oh yeah oh yeah oh yeah of yeah of

I told you about the fool on the hill I tell you man he living there still Well here's another place you can be Listen to me. Fixing a hole in the ocean Trying to make a dove-tail joint-yeah Looking through a glass onion.



Left & Above: St. Pancras Old Church, London, 28 July 68

4 † Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da

Desmond has a barrow in the market place Molly is the singer in a band Desmond says to Molly-girl I like your face And Molly says this as she takes him by the hand

Ob-la-di ob-la-da life goes on bra Lala how the life goes on Ob-la-di ob-la-da life goes on bra La-la how the life goes on

Desmond takes a trolley to the jewellers store Buys a twenty carat golden ring Takes it back to Molly waiting at the door And as he gives it to her she begins to sing.

In a couple of years they have built
A home sweet home
With a couple of kids running in the yard
Of Desmond and Molly Jones.

Happy ever after in the market place Desmond lets the children lend a hand Molly stays at home and does her pretty face and in the evening she still sings it with the band

Happy ever after in the market place Molly lets the children lend a hand Desmond stays at home and does his pretty face and in the evening she's a singer with the band.

Chorus And if you want some fun-take Ob-la-di, Bla-da.

5 † Wild Honey Pie



St. Pancras Old Church, London, 28 July 68

6 † The Continuing Story of Bungalow Bill

Hey, Bungalow Bi What did you kill Bungalow Bill?

He went out tiger hunting with his elephant and gun In case of accidents he always took his mom He's the all American bullet-headed saxon mother's son. All the children sing

Hey Bungalow Bi What did you kill Bungalow Bill?

Deep in the jungle where the mighty tiger lies Bill and his elephants were taken by surprise So Captain Marvel zapped hin right between the eyes All the children sing

Hey, Bungalow B What did you kill Bungalow Bill?

The children asked him if to kill was not a sin "But when he looked so flerce," his mother butted in If looks could kill it would have been us instead of him All the children sing

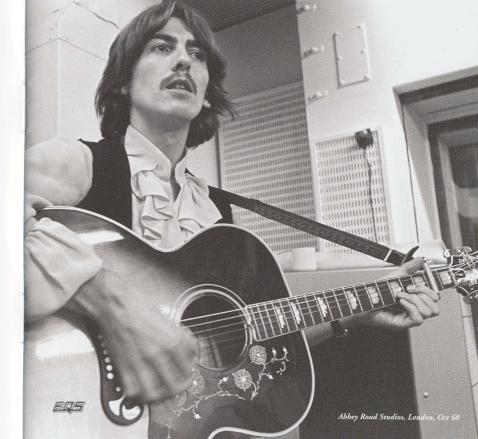
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7 * While My Guitar Gently Weeps

I look at you all see the love there that's sleeping While my guitar gently weeps I look at the floor and I see it needs sweeping Still my guitar gently weeps I don't know why nobody told you how to unfold your love I don't know how someone controlled you They bought and sold you.

I look at the world and I notice it's turning While my guist gently weep. With every mistake we must surely be learning. Still my guist gently weeps. I don't know how you were diverted. You were perverted too. I don't know how you were inverted. No one altered you.

I look at you all see the love there that's sleeping While my guitar gently weeps
Look at you all...
Still my guitar gently weeps.





8 † Happiness is a Warm Gun Lennon/McCartney

A soap impression of his wife which he ate And donated to the National Trust.

When I hold you in my arms And I feel my finger on your trigger -Ves ir is

9 † Martha My Dear

Remember me Martha my love Don't forget me Martha my dear

When you find yourself in the thick of it Help yourself to a bit of what is all around you

Take a good look around you Take a good look you're bound to see

Help yourself to a bit of what is all around you

Don't forget me Martha my dear.

10 † I'm so tired

I'm so tired, I haven't slept a wink I wonder should I get up and fix myself a drink No, по, по.

I'm so tired I don't know what to do

I wonder should I call you but I know what you would do

You know I'd give you everything I've got for a little peace of mind I'm so tired, I'm feeling so upset Although I'm so tired I'll have another cigarette

He was such a stupid get.

11 † Blackbird Lennon/McCartney

Blackbird singing in the dead of night All your life You were only waiting for this moment to arise.

Take these sunken eyes and learn to see

Blackbird fly Blackbird fly

Blackbird fly Blackbird fly

All your life You were only waiting for this moment to arise

You were only waiting for this moment to arise You were only waiting for this moment to arise.

12 * Piggies

Have you seen the little piggies Crawling in the dirt And for all the little piggies Life is getting worse Always having dirt to play aroun

In their starched white shirts
You will find the bigger piggies
Stirring up the dirt
Always have clean shirts to play around in

In their sties with all their backing They don't care what goes on around In their eyes there's something lacking

Everywhere there's lots of piggies Living piggy lives You can see them out for dinner With their piggy wives Clutching forks and knives to eat their bacon

13 † Rocky Raccoon

Now somewhere in the black mountain hills of Dakota There lived a young boy named Rocky Raccoon And one day his woman ran off with another guy Hit young Rocky in the eye Rocky didn't like that He said I'm gonna get that boy So one day he walked into town Booked himself a room in the local saloon.

Rocky Raccoon checked into his room Only to find Gideon's Bible Rocky had come equipped with a gun To shoot off the legs of his rival His rival it seems had broken his dreams By stealing the girl of his fancy. Her name was Magill and she called herself Lil But everyone knew her as Nancy. Now she and her man who called himself Dan

But Daniel was hot-he drew first and shot

And Rocky collapsed in the corner.

Now the doctor came in stinking of gin
And proceeded to lie on the table
He said Rocky you met your match
And Rocky said, Doc it's only a scratch
And Till be better Till be better doc as soon as I am able.

And now Rocky Raccoon he fell back in his room Only to find Gideon's Bible Gideon checked out and he left it no doubt To help with good Rocky's revival.

14 Don't Pass Me By

I listen for your footsteps
Coming up the drive
Listen for your footsteps
But they don't arrive
Waiting for your knock dear
On my old front door
I don't hear it
Does it mean you don't love me any more.

I hear the clock a ticking
On the mantle shelf
See the hands a moving
But I'm by myself
I wonder where you are tonight
And why I'm by myself
I don't see you

Does it mean you don't love me any more.

Don't pass me by don't make me cry don't make me blue 'Cause you know darling I love only you You'll never know it hurt me so How I hate to see you go Don't pass me by don't make me cry

I'm sorry that I doubted you
I was so unfair
You were in a car crash
And you lost your hair
You said you would be late
About an hour or two
I said that's alright I'm waiting here
Lust waiting to hear from you.

15 † Why don't we do it in the road? Lennon/McCartney

Why don't we do it in the road? No one will be watching us Why don't we do it in the road?





3 † Mother Nature's Son

Lennon/McCartne

Born a poor young country boy-Mother Nature's son All day long I'm sitting singing songs for everyone.

Sit beside a mountain stream-see her waters rise Listen to the pretty sound of music as she flies.

Find me in my field of grass-Mother Nature's sor Swaying daises sing a lazy song beneath the sun.

Mother Nature's son.

4 † Everybody's Got Something to Hide Except Me and My Monkey

Lennon/McCartney

Come on come on come on

Come on is such a joy

Come on is such a joy Come on is take it easy

Come on is take it easy Take it easy take it easy

Everybody's got something to hide except for me a my monkey.

The deeper you go the higher you fl The higher you fly the deeper you g

So come on come on

Come on is such a joy Come on is make it easy

Come on is make it easy.

Take it easy take it easy
Everybody's got something to hide except for me and
my monkey.

Your inside is out and your outside is i Your outside is in and your inside is ou

So come on come on Come on is such a joy

Come on is such a joy Come on is make it eas

Come on is make it easy Make it easy make it easy

Everybody's got something to hide except for me and my monkey.

5 † Sexy Sadie

You made a fool of everyone
You made a fool of everyone
You made a fool of everyone
Sexy Sadie ooh what have you do

Sexy Sadie you broke the rules You layed it down for all to see You layed it down for all to see Sexy Sadie oooh you broke the rule One sunny day the world was waiting for a lover She came along to turn on everyone Sexy Sadie the greatest of them all

Sexy Sadie how did you know The world was waiting just for you The world was waiting just for you Sexy Sadie oooh how did you know.

Sexy Sadie you'll get yours yet However big you think you are However big you think you are Sexy Sadie oooh you'll get yours yet.

We gave her everything we owned just to sit at her table Just a smile would lighten everything Sexy Sadie she's the latest and the greatest of them all.

She made a fool of everyone Sexy Sadie.

However big you think you are Sexy Sadie.

6 † Helter Skelter

When I get to the bottom I go back to the top of the slide Where I stop and I turn and I go for a ride Till I get to the bottom and I see you again. Yeah yeah

But do you, don't you want me to love you I'm coming down fast but I'm miles above you Tell me tell me tome on tell me the answer You may be a lover but you ain't no dancer.

Helter skelter helter skelter Helter skelter, Yeah

Will you, won't you want me to make you I'm coming down fast but don't let me break you Tell me tell me tell me the answer You may be a lover but you ain't no dancer.

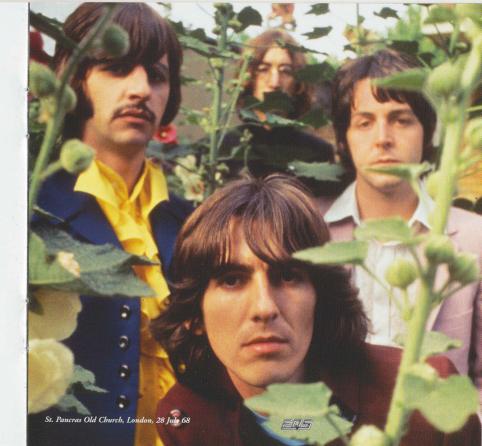
Look out helter skelter helter skelter Helter skelter

Look out, cause here she comes.

When I get to the bottom I go back to the top of the slide And I stop and I turn and I go for a ride And I get to the bottom and I see you again

Well do you, don't you want me to make you.
I'm coming down fast but don't let me break you.
Tell me tell me tell me the answer.
You may be a lover but you ain't no dancer.

Look out helter skelter helter skelter Helter skelter Look out helter skelter She's coming down fast Yes she is Yes she is.





7 * Long, Long, Long

It's been a long long long time. How could I ever have lost you When I loved you.

It took a long long long time Now I'm so happy I found you How I love you

So many tears I was searching, So many tears I was wasting, oh. Oh-

Now I can see you, be you How can I ever misplace you How I want you Oh I love you You know that I need you. Ooh I love you.

8 † Revolution 1

You say you want a revolution
Well you know
we all wanna change the world
You tell me that it's evolution
Well you know
We all wanna change the world
But when you talk about destruction
Don't you know that you can count me out/it
Don't you know that you can count me out/it
Don't you know that you can count me out/it
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You say you got a real solution
Well you know
wed all love to see the plan
You ask me for a contribution
Well you know
We all doing what we can
But if you want money for people with minds that hate
All I can tell you is brother you have to wait
Oon't you know it's gonna be alright
Alright
Alright

You say you'll change the constitution
Well you know
wed all love to change our heads
You tell me it's the institution
Well you know
You better free your mind instead
But if you go carrying pictures of Chairman Mao
You airit going to make it with anyone anyhow
And you know it's gonna be alright
Alright Alright

9 † Honey Pie

She was a working girl North of England way Now she's hit the big time In the U.S.A. And if she could only hear me This is what I'd say.

Honey pie you are making me craz I'm in love but I'm lazy So won't you please come home.

Oh honey pie my position is tragic Come and show me the magic of your Hollywood song.

You became a legend of the silver screer And now the thought of meeting you Makes me weak in the knee.

Oh honey pie you are driving me fran Sail across the Atlantic To be where you belong.

Will the wind that blew her boat Across the sea Kindly send her sailing back to me

Honey pie you are making me crazy I'm in love but I'm lazy So won't you please come home.

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10 * Savoy Truffle

Creme tangerine and montelimart A ginger sling with a pineapple heart A coffee dessert-yes you know it's good news But you'll have to have them all pulled out After the Savoy truffle.

Cool cherry cream, nice apple tart
I feel your taste all the time we're apart
Coconut fudge-really blows down those blues
But you'll have to have them all pulled out
After the Sayor triffle

You might not feel it now But when the pain cuts through You're going to know and how The sweat is going to fill your head When it becomes too much You're going to shour aloud

You know that what you eat you are, But what is sweet now, turns so sour— We all know Obla dibla da But can you show me, where you are?...

Creme tangerine and montelimart A ginger sling with a pineapple heart A coffee dessert-yes you know it's good new Bur you'll have to have them all pulled out

11 † Cry Baby Cry

Cry baby cry Make your mother sigh She's old enough to know better.

The king of Marigold was in the kitchen Cooking breakfast for the queen The queen was in the parlour Playing piano for the children of the king.

Cry baby cry Make your mother sigh She's old enough to know better So cry baby cry.

The king was in the garden
Picking flowers for a friend who came to play
The queen was in the playroom
Painting pictures for the children's holiday.

Cry baby cry
Make your mother sigh
She's old enough to know better
So cry baby cry.

The duchess of Kircaldy always smiling

And arriving late for tea
The duke was having problems
With a message at the local bird and bee.

Cry baby cry
Make your mother sigh
She's old enough to know better
So cry baby cry.

At twelve o'clock a meeting round the table For a seance in the dark With voices out of nowhere Put on specially by the children for a lark.

Cry baby cry
Make your mother sigh
She's old enough to know better
So cry baby cry cry cry cry baby
Make your mother sigh.

She's old enough to know better Cry baby cry Cry cry cry Make your mother sigh She's old enough to know better So cry baby cry.

12 † Revolution 9

13- † Good Night Lennon/McCartney

Now it's time to say good night Good night Sleep tight Now the sun turns out his light Good night Sleep tight Dream sweet dreams for me Dream sweet dreams for you.

Close your eyes and I'll close mine Good night Sleep tight Now the moon begins to shine Good night Sleep tight Dream sweet dreams for me Dream sweet dreams for you.

Close your eyes and I'll close mine Good night Sleep tight Now the sun turns out his light Good night Sleep tight Dream sweet dreams for me Dream sweet dreams for you.

Good night Good night Everybody Everybody everywhere Good night.



HISTORICAL NOTES

The group's ninth album in the UK was called simply *The Beatles* but quickly became better known as 'The White Album'. The double-LP was issued on the fifth anniversary of the release of their second album *With The Beatles* - 22nd November, 1968.

The Beatles released 34 new tracks in 1968 - returning to the high level of productivity they had maintained from 1963 to 1965. The first music of the year came in March with the

arrival of their seventeenth single 'Lady Madonna'. Soon after it was recorded, the Beatles flew to Rishikesh, India for several weeks of meditation with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and they enjoyed a prolific period of song writing at this remote location. They began recording these new songs at Abbey Road on 30th May and studio work occupied most of their time until the final session on 16th October. Two songs from this period were released as a single on 30th August, 1968 - 'Hey Jude'









and 'Revolution'. It was the first Beatles record to be pressed with the Apple label and the Parlophone imprint was also replaced for the two LP discs comprising The Beatles.

Any expectations of a cover to rival the vivid art work of Sgt. Pepper or Magical Mystery Tour were immediately overturned. The outside of the sleeve was completely white with the only lettering consisting of 'The Beatles' embossed on the front and also printed on the spine with the catalogue number. Early copies also had an individual number stamped on the front. However, in contrast to this minimalist look, some generous inserts were slipped alongside the records. There were four glossy colour photographs of the individual Beatles and a large

fold-out poster displaying a photo collage on one side and lyrics on the other.

Despite being an expensive double album, *The Beatles* was a huge seller. It entered the UK chart at number one and remained there for a total of eight of the 22 weeks it was listed. In the USA, it topped the chart for nine weeks and stayed in the album chart for an initial run of 65 weeks. As with *Sgt. Pepper*, no singles were released from 'The White Album' in the UK and USA during the sixties.

Amid the sessions for *The Beatles*, the animated film *Yellow Submarine* was given its UK premiere on 17th July. The soundtrack LP featured four new Beatles songs and was in the shops eight weeks after the release of *The Beatles*...





RECORDING NOTES

Production by George Martin Orchestrations by George Martin Additional production: Chris Thomas Principal Engineers: Ken Scott & Geoff Emerick

To complete the many songs needed for their double-LP, The Beatles recorded regularly during twenty weeks from 30th May to 16th October, 1968. The final studio date was a 24-hour marathon session to create the running order for the four sides of the album and the edits and cross-fades between the songs. The sessions mark an important turning point in their recording career because it was during this period that The Beatles first recorded on an eight-track tape machine.

Since 1964, the group had used fourtrack for all their albums but by 1966, they found their musical arrangements usually required more tracks than were available. The solution was to create extra ones by copying the first four tracks to a second blank tape and simultaneously mixing some of them together to leave free as many tracks as were needed for additional overdubs. 'Bouncing down' was a time consuming process because the tracks that were being mixed together would form part of the final sound balance of the completed song so it was important to be satisfied with the mix before overdubbing commenced. With eight tracks now available, this problem was eliminated - until even more were needed!

Work began on the album using four tracks and, while some songs could be confined to these, most had to be 'bounced down' to a second, third or even - as with 'Revolution 1' and 'Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da' - a fourth tape. The Beatles' first experience of using an eight-track machine came at Trident Studios on 31st July, 1968 when they recorded 'Hey Jude'. The first eight-track recording at Abbey Road was during a session on 3rd September for



'While My Guitar Gently Weeps'. As it had been started on four-track, the master take was transferred to an eight-track machine to allow further overdubbing.

However, 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps' was re-recorded on eight-track from scratch two days later and completed on 6th September with several overdubs - including a guitar solo by Eric Clapton. George's decision to ask a friend to play on his song was a significant one. Although The Beatles had previously used other musicians on their sessions, they had been from other areas of music such as classical, jazz or Indian music. For the first time, here was a star musician performing on an instrument already featured in the group.

The album's long sessions would often begin in the afternoon and continue until daybreak the next morning. There were also occasions when two songs were recorded at the same time in separate studios. In July, engineer Geoff Emerick left the sessions and did not work with the group again until nearly a year later for Abbey Road. Ken Scott, who had first sat at the mixing desk for some of the Magical Mystery Tour songs, recorded and mixed two thirds of 'The White Album'. For one week, George Martin relinquished his seat in the control room so that he could take a holiday and, consequently, his 21-year old production assistant Chris Thomas supervised sessions.

This remastered album has been created from the original stereo analogue master tapes.

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