

## The Beatles release the last song they recorded

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The Beatles have released the last song they recorded. The song is titled "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. He sang it at the piano and recorded it in 1979 at his home. The other Beatles added to the track over the years. Recording engineers used AI technology to bring the song to life, resulting in a sound like the four Beatles recorded it together in a studio. The song has been released as a double-A side single. The flip side of the record is a new mix of the band's first single "Love Me Do". This was first released in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' legendary greatest hits "blue" album. This is a collection of their classics from 1967-1970.

Beatles member Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's quite emotional. And we all play on it. It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about his excitement at being able to release a new song, saying: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song the public haven't heard, I think it's an exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's voice. He said it was "crystal clear". Lennon was shot dead by a fan outside his New York home in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very emotional for all of us".

Sources: [rollingstone.com](http://rollingstone.com) / [time.com](http://time.com) / [reuters.com](http://reuters.com)

### Writing

The Beatles are the greatest band in history. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

the Beatles / songs / piano / recording / engineers / AI / technology / studio / blue / reporters / emotional / genuine / excitement / music / fan / home / drummer / room

### True / False

- 1) The Beatles recorded the song "Now and Then" in the 1960s. T / F
- 2) The Beatles recorded "Now and Then" together in a studio. T / F
- 3) The Beatles first single was called "Love Me Do". T / F
- 4) "Now and Then" will appear on the Beatles legendary "Red" album. T / F
- 5) Paul McCartney said "Now and Then" was a genuine Beatles song. T / F
- 6) Many members of the public heard the song before it was released. T / F
- 7) Paul McCartney said it was a little difficult to hear John Lennon's voice. T / F
- 8) The Beatles' drummer said recording the song was emotional. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>titled</b>     | a. moving       |
| 2. <b>track</b>      | b. masterpieces |
| 3. <b>flip</b>       | c. authentic    |
| 4. <b>mix</b>        | d. nearest      |
| 5. <b>classics</b>   | e. reverse      |
| 6. <b>genuine</b>    | f. called       |
| 7. <b>release</b>    | g. thrilled     |
| 8. <b>excited</b>    | h. issue        |
| 9. <b>closest</b>    | i. song         |
| 10. <b>emotional</b> | j. combination  |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of the Beatles' music?
- c) Are bands better than solo singers?
- d) What music makes you emotional?
- e) How excited do you get when an artist releases a new song?
- f) Do you prefer music on vinyl, CD or MP3?
- g) Why do so many people like the Beatles?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the Beatles?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. The other Beatles added to the track | a. public haven't heard       |
| 2. engineers used AI technology         | b. hits "blue" album          |
| 3. the record is a new mix              | c. Beatles recording          |
| 4. the Beatles' legendary greatest      | d. ever come                  |
| 5. This is a collection of their        | e. of the band's first single |
| 6. It's a genuine                       | f. clear                      |
| 7. his excitement at being able to      | g. over the years             |
| 8. release a new song the               | h. release a new song         |
| 9. He said it was crystal               | i. classics from 1967-1970    |
| 10. the closest we'll                   | j. to bring the song to life  |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about the Beatles?
- What's the best music band in history?
- What kind of music do you like?
- Is music of the 1960s better than today's music?
- What do you think of using AI to make music?
- What is your favourite album?
- What music do you like from the 1960s?
- What do you think of today's music?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. e	4. j	5. b
6. c	7. h	8. g	9. d	10. a

## Role Play

### Role A – Rock

You think rock is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): electro, rap or jazz.

### Role B – Electro

You think electro is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock, rap or jazz.

### Role C – Rap

You think rap is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): electro, rock or jazz.

### Role D – Jazz

You think jazz is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): electro, rap or rock.

## Speaking – Music

Rank these with your partner. Put the best music genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|-------------|-----------|
| • Rock      | • Rap     |
| • Electro   | • Country |
| • Jazz      | • Folk    |
| • Classical | • Blues   |

### Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	F	5	T	6	F	7	F	8	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.