

Pop culture's greatest romantic hits

Movies, music can be the key to love

STAFF REPORT

If VH-1 and Charlton Heston have taught us anything about life, it's that it always comes across better in 10 even doses.

Here are some lists for you lovebirds out there, so this Valentine's Day you can keep it simple, safe and oh so sexy.

Top 10 Songs to Entertain Your

Special Friend

Who can deny that the most important part of Valentine's Day is the night? Skirt the issue all you like, but Barry White and Al Green know what's up. On Saturday, try a few of these primers to get the motor running.

Beach Boys, "God Only Knows"/
Marvin Gaye, "Let's Get It On"/

Air, "Sexy Boy"/ **Prince**, "Dirty Mind"/ **Jeff Buckley**, "Everybody Here Wants You"/ **Rufus Wainwright**, "Instant Pleasure"/ **Bruce Springsteen**, "I'm on Fire"/ **Isley Brothers**, "Who's That Lady"/ **Dr. Octagon**, "Girl Let Me Touch You"/ **The Beatles**, "Why Don't We Do It in the Road"

10 Quirky Valentine's Ballads

Next time you see Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart, just try denying that love works in mysterious ways. Well, so does its sound-

track, and these tunes are no exception.

Frank Zappa, "Dirty Love"/ **Flaming Lips**, "Be My Head"/ **Archers of Loaf**, "Web in Front"/ **Dead Milkmen**, "Punk Rock Girl"/ **Magnetic Fields**, "Let's Pretend We're Bunny Rabbits"/ **Talking Heads**, "This Must Be the Place (Naive Melody)"/ **Beck**, "Debra"/ **Super Furry Animals**, "Presidential Suite"/ **They Might Be Giants**, "She's an Angel"/ **Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds**, "Into My

Arms"

Top 10 Songs for the Jilted

He always acted strange — she always seemed preoccupied. Recall the pain of a lover's betrayal with these numbers, a perfect showcase of love, rejection and the redeeming power of alcohol. Guys, she's not coming back.

Biz Markie, "Just a Friend"/ **Eminem**, "Kim"/ **Blur**, "No Distance Left to Run"/ **Bob Dylan**, "Idiot Wind"/ **Buzzcocks**, "What Do I Get?"/ **Ben Folds Five**, "Song for the Dumped"/ **Tom Waits**, "Bad Liver and a Broken Heart"/ **L.L. Cool J**, "I Need Love"/ **Joe Jackson**, "Is She Really Going Out with Him?"/ **Elvis Costello**, "Alison"

10 Choice Romantic Flicks

"Sweet November" was bad. Really, really awful stuff. Just think. It's so — terrible. There's no way to — ouch. Stop the bleeding with these: "High Fidelity," "Annie Hall," "Harold and Maude," "Bonnie and Clyde," "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Lost in Translation," "When Harry Met Sally," "Chasing Amy," "Roman Holiday," "Deep Throat"

The Musical Untouchables

Some abominations don't even merit a listen, let alone a mention. Relegated to the deepest, darkest depths of "Behind the Music," these affronts to God are guaranteed mood killers.

Any Artist, "Wind Beneath My Wings"/ That Damn Richard Marx Song/ **Journey**, **Air Supply**, "All Out of Love"/ **Whitney Houston**, "I Will Always Love You" (not Dolly's version)/ **Celine Dion**, **Barry Manilow**/ **Milli Vanilli**, "Girl You Know It's True" or "Blame It on the Rain"/ **Don Johnson**, "Heartbreaker"/ **Mariah Carey**, "Heartbreaker," among others.

A Batch for the Sullen, Self-Pitying Emo Kids Out There

Feeling sad? Why don't ya cry about it, huh? Well, don't mind if I do, say society's footdragging Robert Smith wannabes. Break out the mascara, get a box of Puffs, and hold on tight. And, hey, boys do cry. A lot.

Joy Division, "Love Will Tear Us Apart" / **Low**, "Sunflower" / **Xiu Xiu** albums, all, plus the one that's not out yet/ **U.N.K.L.E.** with **Thom Yorke**, "Rabbit in Your Headlights" / **R.E.M.**, "Everybody Hurts" / **The Smiths** / **The Cure** / **Leonard Cohen**, "Hallelujah" / **Elliot Smith**, "Everything Means Nothing to Me" / **Nick Drake**, "Pink Moon" / **Nine Inch Nails**, "Something I Can Never Have"

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