

Everything I Needed to Know, I Learned from Rock 'N Roll

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Listed below in bold are some of the things I learned from Rock 'N Roll. Underneath each of these words of wisdom, these common sense principles by which our Rock 'n Roll fathers would have us live our lives, are song titles that give that advice. Can you figure out the title and the performer?

The key words of the song title have been replaced by their initial letters. Following the song is the name of a recording artist which made the song a hit; but again, the key names have been replaced by the first letter. The year that the song was recorded is listed in parentheses.

If you're having difficulty, perhaps you would do better "W. a L. H. from my F." by The B.; that is, "With a Little Help from my Friends" by The Beatles.

Set a Good Example – Be a good teacher

T. Your C. by C., S., and N. (1970)

Life isn't fair, but it's still good

Don't D. M. L. T. by T. P. (1979)

Life's B. G. to M. by J. W. (1978)

Don't Judge Others

W. a M. in M. S. by J. S. (1970)

Regarding Love

All you N. is L. by The B. (1967)

P. a L. L. in your H. by J. De S. (1968)

Y. can't H. L. by The S. (1966)

L. will K. us T. by The C. and T. (1975)

Why do F. F. in L.? by F. L. and the T. (1956)

Will you L. M. T.? by The S. (1960)

You've L. that L. F. by The R. B. (1964)

L. M. T. by E. (1956)

Can't H. F. in L. by E. (1961)

Can't B. M. L. by The B. (1964)

E. L. S. by D. M. (1964)

It H. to be in L. by G. P. (1964)

Dream Big and Be Bold

T. it to the L. by The E. (1975)

F. like an E. by The S. M. B. (1976)

T. a C. on M. by A. (1978)

All I H. to do is D. by The E. B. (1958)

We've O. J. B. by The C. (1970)

Give Thanks

T. G. I'm a C. B. by J. D. (1975)

Love Thy Neighbor

Don't B. C. by E. (1956)

Talk Less and Listen More

S. is G. by F. V. and the F. S. (1964)

Get Help When You Need It

W. a L. H. from my F. by The B. (1967)

Don't Be Stressed Out

T. it E. by The E. (1972)

G. P. a C. by J. L. (1969)

C. T. by The B. (1969)

We C. W. it O. by The B. (1965)

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with family"

We are F. by S. S. (1979)

Take Time to Have Fun

D., D., D., by The B. B. (1964)

With a L. L. by P. M. (1978)

E. Y. by The J. (1976)

F. F. F. by The B. B. (1964)

G. J. want to H. F. by C. L. (1983)

Don't be afraid to say you're sorry

E. S. than D. by The E. (1963)

S. S. to be the H. W. by E. J. (1976)

Who's S. N.? by C. F. (1958)

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer

I'd D. A. for L. (B. I won't D. that) by M. L. (1993)

All I R. W. to D. (Is B. B. F. with Y.) by B. D. (1964)

Don't Be Set in Your Ways

The T. T. A. a C. by B. D. (1964)

Set High Expectations – Do Your best

T. out of T. A. B. by M. L. (1977)

Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a stroke of luck

You C. A. G. what Y. W. by The R. S. (1969)

Cry less and Sing more

Don't L. the S. C. you C. by G. and the P. (1964)

B. G. don't C. by F. V. and the F. S. (1962)

If you W. to S. O., S. O. by C. S. (1971)

S. a S. by E., W., & F. (1975)

C., W., H. by B. H. (1959)

Regarding the World

What a W. W. by L. A. (1968, 1988)

We are the W. by U. for A. (1985)

What the W. N. N. is L. by J. De S. (1965)

T., T., T. (To E. there is a S.) by the B. (1965)

Turn Negatives into Positives

Haven't G. T. for the P. by C. S. (1974)

E. is B. by R. S. (1970)

Don't W., Be H. by B. M. (1988)

Learn from your Past

I S. have K. B. by The B. (1964)

Those W. the D. by M. H. (1968)

B. at the R. T. by P. S. (1990)

Live and Let Live

L. and L. D. by P. M. and W. (1973)

P. G. to be F. by The R. (1968)

We can L. F. by C. (1989)

Answer Key to
Everything I Needed to Know, I Learned from Rock 'N Roll
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Set a Good Example – Be a good teacher

Teach Your Children by Crosby, Stills, and Nash (1970)

Life isn't fair, but it's still good

Don't Do Me Like That by Tom Petty (1979)

Life's Been Good to Me by Joe Walsh (1978)

Don't Judge Others

Walk a Mile in My Shoes by Joe South (1970)

Regarding Love

All you Need is Love by The Beatles (1967)

Put A Little Love in your Heart by Jackie De Shannon (1968)

You Can't Hurry Love by The Supremes (1966)

Love Will Keep Us Together by The Captain and Tennille (1975)

Why Do Fools Fall in Love? by Frankie Lymons and the Teenagers (1956)

Will You Love Me Tomorrow? by The Shirelles (1960)

You've Lost that Lovin' Feelin' by The Righteous Brothers (1964)

Love Me Tender by Elvis (1956)

Can't Help Falling in Love by Elvis (1961)

Can't Buy Me Love by The Beatles (1964)

Everybody Loves Somebody by Dean Martin (1964)

It Hurts to Be In Love by Gene Pitney (1964)

Dream Big and Be Bold

Take It to the Limit by The Eagles (1975)

Fly like an Eagle by The Steve Miller Band (1976)

Take A Chance on Me by ABBA (1978)

All I Have to do is Dream by The Everly Brothers (1958)

We've Only Just Begun by The Carpenters (1970)

Give Thanks

Thank God I'm A Country Boy by John Denver (1975)

Love Thy Neighbor

Don't Be Cruel by Elvis (1956)

Talk Less and Listen More

Silence is Golden by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons (1964)

Get Help When You Need It

With a Little Help from my Friends by The Beatles (1967)

Don't Be Stressed Out

Take It Easy by The Eagles (1972)

Give Peace A Chance by John Lennon (1969)

Come Together by The Beatles (1969)

We Can Work It Out by The Beatles (1965)

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with family"

We Are Family by Sister Sledge (1979)

Take Time to Have Fun

Dance, Dance, Dance, by The Beach Boys (1964)

With A Little Luck by Paul McCartney (1978)

Enjoy Yourself by The Jacksons (1976)

Fun Fun Fun by The Beach Boys (1964)

Girls Just Want to Have Fun by Cindy Lauper (1983)

Don't be afraid to say you're sorry

Easier Said Than Done by The Essex (1963)

Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word by Elton John (1976)

Who's Sorry Now by Connie Francis (1958)

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer

I'd Do Anything for Love (But I won't Do that) by Meat Loaf (1993)

All I Really Want to Do (Is Baby Be Friends With You) by Bob Dylan (1964)

Don't Be Set in Your Ways

The Times They Are a Changin' by Bob Dylan (1964)

Set High Expectations – Do Your best

Two Out of Three Ain't Bad by Meat Loaf (1977)

Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a stroke of luck

You Can't Always Get What You Want by The Rolling Stones (1969)

Cry less and Sing more

Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying by Gerry and the Pacemakers (1964)

Big Girls Don't Cry by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons (1962)

If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out by Cat Stevens (1971)

Sing a Song by Earth, Wind, & Fire (1975)

Crying, Waiting, Hoping by Buddy Holly (1959)

Regarding the World

What A Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong (1968, 1988)

We are the World by USA for Africa (1985)

What the World Needs Now is Love by Jackie De Shannon (1965)

Turn, Turn, Turn! (To Everything there is a Season) by the Byrds (1965)

Turn Negatives into Positives

Haven't Got Time for the Pain by Carly Simon (1974)

Everything is Beautiful by Ray Stevens (1970)

Don't Worry, Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin (1988)

Learn from your Past

I Should Have Known Better by The Beatles (1964)

Those Were the Days by Mary Hopkin (1968)

Born at the Right Time by Paul Simon (1990)

Live and Let Live

Live and Let Die by Paul McCartney and Wings (1973)

People Got to be Free by The Rascals (1968)

We Can Last Forever by Chicago (1989)