

# What song reminds you of Valentine's Day?

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**W**hether it is the melody or lyrics that captivate you, there are songs that hit us in different ways especially during Valentine's Day. For this issue, we ask readers about music that in their mind is tied to the day of hearts:

*"Let's Get It On by Marvin Gaye. No other classic gets you in the mood for love and for celebrating companionship. ...I listen to Marvin Gaye regularly but [I listened to] this particular song probably a few months ago. I am single so I don't get to play that song often (laughs)."*

—Frankie Eliptico, interim president, Northern Marianas College

*"Love Will Keep Us Alive by the Eagles. I love this song and it defines the role of loving one another as key to making this world a better place for all."*

—Esther Muna, CEO, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

*"Lady in Red by Chris DeBurgh because the lyrics shows the guy is absolutely in love with the girl. So hopelessly romantic, perfect for Valentine's Day."*

—Shey Fernandez-Owens, Capital Hill

*"Unforgettable by Nat King Cole because it's a classic love song. Reminds me of my parents and my dad playing it at home along with Frank Sinatra records."*

—Jessie Delos Reyes Willsey, Capital Hill

*"Better Together by Jack Johnson because love is the answer and it is always better when we are together."*

—Nicole Babauta, director, CNMI Small Business Development Center

*"Can't Take My Eyes Off of You by Lauryn Hill because this song makes me dance."*

—Alyona Gersonde, Dan Dan

*"Stand By Me by Ben E. King. This is the song we played when I walked down to meet Jeff at our wedding. We picked this as we both love it. We heard it in the movie that came out when we got engaged. The song was even in the top 10 (1st when it came out in 1961) This song was perfect for us as it wasn't traditional and neither was our wedding, or us!"*

—Heidi Yelin, Capital Hill

*"Just The Way You Are by Billy Joel because it describes love in its true form. When you love someone, you love them for who they are, all their flaws and imperfections included. Billy Joel sings about wanting someone to talk to, being there in good and bad times. Valentine's Day celebrates love and romance and this song describes that in its raw form."*

—Chris Concepcion, deputy director, Office of Planning and Development

*"Ordinary People by John Legend because I usually have fights with my ex when it's Valentine's Day! But we end up making up afterwards. Something about this day makes women crazy, you know, me included. Must be the moon! (laughs). There is added pressure for couples to celebrate and women end up getting their hopes up on their man and getting disappointed. I mean, let's face it, men usually fall short on celebrating Valentine's."*

—Candy, Marianas High School teacher

*"Always Be My Baby by Mariah Carey because it's about a loving and healthy relationship. Always Be My Baby is like a promise that, no matter what happens, I love you and I will stand beside you."*

—Kathy Fernandez, Garapan

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Dear Rane, Hannah & Shiera  
These past few months make me reminisce all the memories we shared. The times where we laughed like there is no tomorrow, cried like we're never going to see each other again especially the times where we'd go to the beach and talk about how our life is going. I am deeply torn that one of us is thousands of miles away, but I always believe that we are never that far away maybe in distance but never in heart. I will always cherish all the adventures we had. I love you guys so much!  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Kiara Manganti

Ma (Angie),  
Ikaw and papaya  
sa tinola ko.  
Mahal kita!  
From Pa (Manny)

To my baby boy Bubs.  
Thank you for constantly dealing with my attitude and mood swings. I never knew home could be a person and I will forever be thankful you're my homie and lover all wrapped up in one human being. I know our love to the Lord for bringing me such a kind and patient person in my life. I know our love for each other will last a life time, because I know you are the only one for me. I love you and  
Happy Valentine's Day!

Hey Cupcake,  
Happy Valentines day! You're the most annoying person, most mean person, most weird person, and you're a knucklehead. But no matter how annoying you are I will never be tired of you. But no matter how mean you are, you always back it up with kindness and sweetness. But no matter how weird you are, I am always weird. And no matter how much of a knucklehead you are, you will always be My Knucklehead! I love you through the hills and valleys, through the peaks and pits, through the ups and downs, and through the trials and triumphs!  
Your Future Husband,  
Fried Chicken (Sebby)

Dear ken ken,  
Every day I thank God for blessing me with someone wonderful like you. Thank you for your love, kindness and patience. I look forward to celebrate many more Valentine's Day with you!  
I love you always. lah

Sa pinakasexy kong nanay,  
Happy Valentines.  
Roses are expensive, PUA still wala, so a love letter is all I could give. iloveyou mommy.  
Thank you for your endless care.  
Love,  
Your favorite Anak.

Hey J,  
You've been nothing but amazing. You're one to count on through the worse and through good times of my life. This is not ideal, but you make every sacrifice worth the risks.  
Happy Valentine's Day  
bobobles.

To the three boys I love...  
Daddy Mike, James & Colin  
I thank the Lord for you three and you are the most wonderful blessing and Valentine a girl could ever ask for. I love you!  
Love,  
Mommy Nhorleen

To my loving Parents,  
Thank you for working hard just to be able to provide our wants and needs. I am thankful to have such hardworking parents. I Promise to give it back someday.  
Love, J.

To: Nicole  
Happy Valentine's Day.  
I'm really thankful to have you in my life. I can't wait to be with you again. Stay sweet and I miss you lots!  
From: Chow

To Angelo B.  
I think you know you're in love when you see the person and you automatically smile and get butterflies in your tummy, but before I met you, I never knew what that would be like or how that felt. I never knew a love like this existed. I just want you to know that I'm so grateful to have you in my life and that I appreciate everything you do to keep me happy and for always loving me even when I'm at my worst, for being the person I can turn to when I need a shoulder to cry on. For not only being a boyfriend but also for being my best friend. I love you, Happy Valentine's Day love!

To Kiko,  
For the past almost 3 years that you have been with me, I fully appreciate your patience, care and love. Happy Valentine's day.  
I love you.  
From your little Pogchamp

To Danielle,  
1st Corinthians 13:4-6 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does with the truth, but rejoices with the truth. You're as sweet as cotton candy here  
Love u  
RJ

I may be first in line with you, but we know I will never get the chance. Just do know you put the "K" in okay, because you make everything okay whenever I think of going back to the streets. You are worth more than what this life time could give,  
Kristelle Lysa.  
From BB Cess

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Things I love to do with you

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Work, bills, children, and future plans are not the only ones that occupy the hearts and minds of married couples. It's also talking with their husband or wife about what makes them happy and what things they want to do together not only on Valentine's Day but every day.

Joe and Jamika Taijeron  
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For Salt & Barber Beauty Salon owners Joe and Jamika Taijeron, both find joy not only in being married but managing a business together as well. "I like to travel with Joe but since we cannot travel, the other thing I like to do with him is to run errands together. I appreciate the days where we have a list of things to do which I normally do by myself. When we do it together, I rest in the fact that I am doing these things with someone I enjoy being with," Jamika said. "As co-owners of a business, some of our errands include picking up supplies from the airport, mail for the post office, etc. Doing things together makes co-ownership much more fun. ...I also like to go out on date night with my wife, just the two of us. Maybe a nice dinner with some peace and quiet. We don't have to do anything else but just enjoy each other's company," Joe said.

Emily and Dustin Darr  
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For Emily and Dustin Darr of Papago moved to Saipan over a year ago and find common ground in hanging out at the beach with each other. "Currently, my favorite thing to do with him is to spend the day relaxing on the beach with good food and a little adventure. When the world opens back up, I love traveling together, experiencing new places and cultures. Being out of your comfort zone together forges a deeper and stronger bond!" Emily said. "I enjoy her company as we relax at the beach or getting a couples massages. We love going out to lunch together and going on double dates with good friends. We also enjoy cooking fun and creative meals together," Dustin said.

Derek and Tania Cutting  
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For Derek and Tania Cutting of Cutting Solutions LLC, partnership is always a work in progress and loving the little details about life that many tend to take for granted. "I love traveling the world with you, hiking, exploring and going on adventures with you, sunrise motorcycle rides with you, random sunset beach picnics with you, date nights with you, binge watching Netflix with you, jeepin' it with you, building our dreams with you and I love being a parent and loving our son Makai with you," Tania said. "I love raising our son together and watching him become a strong, independent little man. I love when we ride side by side on our Harleys cruising the streets together, going to the gym to train with you, watching a movie on the couch with you, pushing you past your comfort zone and sharing the fruits of your labor, bicycle rides in the park with Makai and you and talking about new ideas and business opportunities with you," Derek said.

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Newly married **Russ Wilcox and Madge Gai of Dan Dan** are into various adventures. Whether on land, under the

sea, or above mountains they know how to get the most out of everything that each day presents to them. "I love talk-

ing about the different points in our cultures, seeing what is different and what is actually similar. I love spending time

in the outdoors of our amazing island—hiking, diving, swimming, exploring, and watching sunsets. I love working out

and encouraging one another. I love being grumpy about being social with her/for her when I actually kind of like it



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Russ Wilcox and Madge Gai

most of the time," Russ said. "I love to go scuba diving with you every weekend, hiking, driving around in your little truck, seeing you laugh, I love when you pet our cat even if he likes being 'Mogui.' I love watching movies after your work and trying out food that you cooked for me. I love you," Madge said.



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Maria and Andrew Goethals

**Maria and Andrew Goethals** are ideal for each other—Maria makes delicious desserts and publish them at **amusing-maria.com** and Andrew loves trying them out. They admit they are usually both couch potatoes but when they get out to travel, their adventurous hearts kicks in. "I would not have been able to explore so many ancient temples and learn their history if not for Andrew. I also love when we are able to take out our kayaks to the water and explore. Food! I love trying out new food and restaurants or eating our favorite home-cooked meals. For the most part. Just hanging out with you at home and watching our shows are also part of my favorites," Maria said.

"The things that I love to do with you most is to explore. Whether it's searching for the best tacos in town, or climbing to the top of a ruin in a far-off jungle or kayaking to the very end of the creek, we are most alive and most together when we are going somewhere new. We both have suffered from 'wanderlust' at different times in our lives and when we give into it together, we have amazing experiences. Our journeys have just begun," Andrew said.



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