

March Sadness 90s Edition Lottery and Draft doc with Longlist

If yr name is drawn, we'll send you an email (and put it on the bsky). You've got 24 hours to get back to us with your pick (we're asking for a ranked list of 3 so we can move quickly). It's first-come, first serve for artists. Your pick does NOT need to come from the longlist, as long as the song satisfies our criteria (on the website's main page, but tl;dr: **commercially released in the 90s, not by a previous tournament winner, and hasn't appeared in a previous Xness**). Once an artist has been selected, they will be crossed off the longlist (we won't be including two songs by the same artist).

Email us your picks please; don't mark up this doc unless there's an error/typo.

Once picked, it may still be possible to change your selection until October or so, when we start to put the bracket together. We'll add each pick to the longlist as they come in, and use a strikethrough to indicate that it's been taken or is otherwise been made ineligible.

We'll list the order of the lottery first, and then update the longlist below when a song is selected.

Essays are due end of January, though earlier is welcomed!

It's also not a big deal to back out if life happens and you find yourself unable to do your essay, but the earlier you tell us the better. It gets a great deal harder to find a pinch-hitter two weeks before the tournament starts, for instance, whereas there are about 250 people who would be happy to take your spot if we asked in August.

Youtube playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXEwUwsZxghH-ikUFpmjz0F89rMw-hzJI>

Spotify playlist (courtesy of dparker326):

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5BGKI59aKx5VpFjsJgDPiq?si=qTgoUU2vS028Pzzvnvy6Gw&pi=vz-Z7Nb3SjCGh&nd=1&dlsi=81d92a41ed334755>

March Sadness 90s Edition lottery picks & song choices

1. Brian Zitelman, Third Eye Blind, The Background (1997)
2. Cicily Bennion, Ben Folds Five, Brick (1997)

3. Andrew Schumacher Bethke, Belle and Sebastian, Get Me Away from Here, I'm Dying (1996)
4. Abigail Myers: Gillian Welch, By the Mark (1996)
5. Timothy Gager, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Under the Bridge (1991)
6. Nanette Donohue, Tori Amos, Winter (1992)
7. Melissa Fite Johnson, Celine Dion, My Heart Will Go On (1997)
8. Cheryl Graham: Kate Bush, Moments of Pleasure (1993)
9. Brian Oliu: No Doubt, Don't Speak (1995)
10. Erin Keane: Guns 'n' Roses, November Rain (1991)
11. Kimberly Nelson: The Wallflowers, One Headlight (1996)
12. Moira McAvoy: Goo Goo Dolls, Iris (1998)
13. Amy Barnes, Lee Ann Womack, Little Past Little Rock (1998)
14. Chris Daley, Liz Phair, Divorce Song (1993)
15. Jenny Johnson, Morphine, Cure for Pain (1993)
16. Susanna Donato: Ani DiFranco, You Had Time (1994)
17. Chris Keller: Wilco, Via Chicago (1999)
18. Gabriel Palacios: Michael McDonald, Lonely Talk (1991)
19. Melissa Faliveno: Counting Crows, Round Here (1993)
20. Jendi Reiter: Lauryn Hill, Ex-Factor (1998)
21. Jamison Crabtree: Elliott Smith, Between the Bars (1997)
22. Allison Renner: Billie Myers, Kiss the Rain (1997)
23. Philip James Shaw: Nick Cave, Nobody's Baby Now (1994)
24. Ron Hogan: Annie Lennox, No More I Love You's (1995)
25. Lela Scott MacNeil: Alanis Morissette, Uninvited (1998)
26. Lydia Pudzianowski, Backstreet Boys, Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely (1999)
27. Jeremy Bennett, REM, Country Feedback (1991)
28. Kay Keegan, Foo Fighters, Everlong (1997)
29. Silas Hansen, Cranberries, Linger (1993)
30. Elana Levin, The Black Crowes, She Talks to Angels (1990)
31. Aaron Wolfson, Neutral Milk Hotel, The King of Carrot Flowers Pt. 1 (1998)
32. Casey Powaga, Bonnie Raitt, I Can't Make You Love Me (1991)
33. Kathleen Rooney, Patty Loveless, You Don't Even Know Who I Am (1993)
34. Leah Mensch, Bob Dylan, Tryin to Get to Heaven (1997)
35. John Linstrom, Peter Gabriel, "Here Comes the Flood" (1990 acoustic version)
36. Megan Campbell, Skid Row, Wasted Time (1991)
37. David Turkel, Tom Waits, Hold On (1999)

38. Austin Grossman: Lisa Loeb, Stay (I Missed You) (1994)
39. Chelsea Biondolillo, Mazzy Star, Flowers in December (1996)
40. Jennifer Gravley: Nirvana, Sappy (1993)
41. Samuel Rafael Barber: Silver Jews, The Wild Kindness (1998)
42. Mo Daviau, Cat Power, Metal Heart (1998)
43. Margarita Campbell, Eric Clapton, Tears in Heaven (1992)
44. Laura Musselman: Bone Thugz-N-Harmony, Crossroads (1999)
45. Erin McReynolds, Crash Test Dummies, Superman's Song (1991)
46. Erin Langner, Mariah Carey, Without You (1993)
47. Emma Allmann, Blink-182, Adam's Song
48. Barry Montgomery: Grandpaboy, Lush and Green (1997)
49. Erin Dorney: Paula Cole, Where Have All the Cowboys Gone (1996)
50. Emily Podwoiski, Des'ree, I'm Kissing You (1996)
51. Annie Zaleski, Kristin Hersh, Your Ghost (1994)
52. Drew Krewer: Fiona Apple, On the Bound (1999)
53. Emily Costa, Soul Asylum, Runaway Train (1993)
54. Andrew Arthur, Sinéad O'Connor, The Last Day of Our Acquaintance (1990)
55. Ryan Carter: Gin Blossoms, Hey Jealousy (1992)
56. Danielle Deulen: Sade, No Ordinary Love (1992)
57. James Charlesworth: Collective Soul, The World I Know
58. Camellia-Berry Grass: Sammy Kershaw, Yard Sale (1992)
59. Amy Rossi, Vince Gill, Go Rest High on that Mountain (1994)
60. M. L. Krishnan: Savage Garden, To the Moon & Back (1996)
61. Keith Pille, The Jayhawks, Bottomless Cup (1997)
62. Jason Thayer, Bush, Glycerine (1995)
63. Brittney Uecker, Mineral, Parking Lot (1996)
64. Danielle Geller: Portishead, Roads (1994)

Extracurricular essays assigned:

(As a reminder you can pitch us an extracurricular essay on any related March Sadness subject: sad songs from different decades, sad songs that were not selected for the tournament, other related sad subjects. We run these before/after the tournament, usually starting in October or so.)

- Katrina Prow: Crystal Waters, Gypsy Woman
- Josh Turner: Concrete Blonde, Tomorrow Wendy
- Brian Salmons: Red House Painters, All Mixed Up
- Erin Vachon: Magnetic Fields, All My Little Words

- Wade Pavlick: Modest Mouse, Dramamine
- Lisa Levy: U2, Stay (Faraway, So Close)
- Megan Galbraith: Emmylou Harris, Orphan Girl
- Irene Cooper, Sigur Ros' Staralfur
- Chris Ritter, Journey's Separate Ways
- Michael Van Kerckhove, The Cure, End

Songs Currently Probably Likely On the Longlist

- 10,000 Maniacs, Jezebel
- 2Pac, Dear Mama
- A-ha, Crying in the Rain
- Oletta Adams, Get Here (1990)
- Alice in Chains, Nutshell (1995)
 - Down in a Hole
 - Rotten Apple
 - I Stay Away
 - Them Bones
- ~~Tori Amos, Winter (1992)~~
- John Anderson, Seminole Wind (1992)
- ~~Fiona Apple, On the Bound (1999)~~
- Babyface, When Can I See You (1993)
- ~~Backstreet Boys, Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely (1999)~~
- Bedhead, More Than Ever (1998) or Liferaft (1994)
- ~~Belle and Sebastian, Get Me Away from Here, I'm Dying (1996)~~
- ~~Ben Folds Five, Brick~~
- ~~Black Crowes, She Talks to Angels (1990)~~
- ~~Blink-182, Adam's Song (1999)~~
- ~~Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, The Crossroads (1999)~~
- Boyz II Men, End of the Road (1992)
 - It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday (1991)
- Toni Braxton, Unbreak My Heart
- Garth Brooks, Beaches of Cheyenne
 - Or In Lonesome Dove
 - Or The Dance
- Brooks & Dunn, Neon Moon or Still in Love With You, 1991
- Sam Brown, Your Time Is Your Own (1992)

- ~~Bush, Glycerine (1995)~~
- ~~Kate Bush, Moments of Pleasure (1993)~~
- ~~Mariah Carey, Without You (1993)~~
- Deana Carter, Strawberry Wine (1996)
- Eva Cassidy, Fields of Gold (1998)
- ~~Cat Power, Metal Heart (1998)~~
- ~~Nick Cave, Nobody's Baby Now (1994)~~
 - ~~People Ain't No Good (1997)~~
- The Chicks, You Were Mine (1998)
- ~~Eric Clapton, Tears in Heaven (1992)~~
- ~~Paula Cole, Where Have All the Cowboys Gone (1996)~~
- ~~Collective Soul, The World That I Know (1995)~~
- ~~Concrete Blonde, Tomorrow Wendy~~
 - Caroline
- The Connells, 74-75 (1993)
- Coolio, Gangsta's Paradise
- ~~Cranberries, Linger (1993)~~
- ~~Crash Test Dummies, Superman Song (1991)~~
- ~~Counting Crows, Round Here~~
 - ~~Mrs Potter's Lullaby~~
- Cry Cry Cry, Cold Missouri Waters (1998)
- ~~The Cure, Letter to Elise~~
 - ~~High~~
 - ~~End~~
- Depeche Mode, It's No Good
- ~~Des'ree, I'm Kissing You (1996)~~
- ~~Ani DiFranco, You Had Time (1994)~~
- ~~Celine Dion, My Heart Will Go On~~
- DMX, Slippin
- Duran Duran, Ordinary World (1993)
- ~~Bob Dylan, Tryin to Get to Heaven (1997) or Not Dark Yet (1997)~~
- Steve Earle, Goodbye (1995)
- Eels, The Medication is Wearing Off
 - Maybe Novocaine for the Soul?
- Don't Let Go by En Vogue
- Everlast, What It's Like (1998)
- Everything but the Girl, Rollercoaster (1994)
- ~~Foo fighters, Everlong (1997)~~
- Fountains of Wayne, A Fine Day for a Parade (1999)
- Frente, labour of love

- ~~Vince Gill, Go Rest High on that Mountain (1994)~~
- ~~Gin Blossoms, Hey Jealousy (1992)~~
- Golden Smog, V
- ~~Goo Goo Dolls, Iris~~
- Granddaddy, A.M. 180 (1997)
- ~~Grandpappy, Lush and Green, 1997~~
- Macy Gray, I Try
- ~~Guns N' Roses, November Rain or Don't Cry~~
- Emmylou Harris, All My Tears (1995) or Wrecking Ball (1995) or Prayer in Open D (1993)
 - ~~Orphan Girl~~
- ~~Kristin Hersh, Your Ghost (1994) or Me and My Charms (1994)~~
- The Highwaymen, The Road Goes On Forever (1995)
- ~~Lauryn Hill, Ex-Factor (1998)~~
- Hootie and the Blowfish, Let Her Cry
- Whitney Houston, I Have Nothing (?)
- INXS, Beautiful Girl
- Chris Isaak, Somebody's Crying (1995)
- ~~The Jayhawks, Bottomless Cup (1997)~~
- Wyclef Jean, Gone Til November
- Jewel, You Were Meant for Me
- Jodeci, Cry For You
- Daniel Johnston, Some Things Last a Long Time (1990)
- Freedy Johnston, Bad Reputation
- Junkyard - Slippin' Away (1991)
- ~~Sammy Kershaw, Yard Sale (1991)~~
- Kd lang, Constant Craving
- ~~Annie Lennox, No More I Love Yous~~
- Live, Lightning Crashes
- ~~Lisa Loeb, Stay (I Missed You) 1994~~
- ~~Patty Loveless, You Don't Even Know Who I Am (1993)~~
- Lyle Lovett, The Road to Ensenada (1996)
- Low, 2-Step (1999)
- Madonna, Take a Bow
 - I'll Remember
- The Magnetic Fields
 - ~~All My Little Words~~
 - 100000 Fireflies
 - Busby Berkeley Dreams
- ~~Mazzy Star, Flowers in December (1996)~~

- Martina McBride, Wrong Again (1997)
- ~~Michael McDonald, Lonely Talk (1991)~~
- Sarah McLachlan, Adia
 - I Will Remember You
 - Angel
- Meat Loaf, I Would Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That) (1993)
- George Michael, don't let the sun go down on me (1991)
- ~~Mineral, Parking Lot (1996)~~
- Kylie Minogue, Better the Devil You Know
- ~~Modest Mouse, Dramamine~~
- ~~Alanis Morissette, Uninvited (1998)~~
- ~~Morphine, Cure for Pain (1993)~~
- Bob Mould, I Can't Fight It
- ~~Billie Myers, Kiss the Rain (1997)~~
- Nas, Undying Love (1999)
- ~~Neutral Milk Hotel, The King of Carrot Flowers Pt. One (1998)~~
- ~~Nirvana, Sappy (1993)~~
- ~~No Doubt, Don't Speak~~
- ~~Sinead O'Connor~~
 - ~~Three Babies~~
 - ~~Black Boys on Mopeds?~~
 - ~~The Last Day of our Acquaintance (1990)~~
- Oasis, live forever
- Will Oldham, I See a Darkness (1999)
- Pearl Jam, Better Man
- Pet Shop Boys, I Don't Know What You Want But I Can't Give It Anymore (1999)
- ~~Liz Phair, Divorce Song (1993)~~
- PM Dawn, Set Adrift on Memory Bliss or I'd Die Without You
- Poison, Somethin' to Believe In (1990)
- ~~Portishead, Roads (1994)~~
- The Pretenders, I'll Stand By You (1994)
- Puff Daddy and Faith Evans, I'll Be Missing You
- Queensryche, Silent Lucidity (1990)
- Radiohead, High and Dry
 - No Surprises
 - Street Spirit (Fade Out)
- ~~Bonnie Raitt, I Can't Make You Love Me (1991)~~
- Colin Raye, Love, Me (1991)
- ~~REM, Country Feedback~~
 - ~~Or E-Bow the Letter~~

- ~~Nightswimming~~
- ~~Red Hot Chili Peppers, Under the Bridge~~
- Red House Painters, Katy Song (1993)
 - ~~All Mixed Up (1996)~~
- LeAnn Rimes, How Do I Live Without You (1997)
- Pete Rock and CL Smooth, They Reminisce Over You (1992)
- ~~Sade, No Ordinary Love (1992)~~
- ~~Savage Garden, To the Moon & Back (1996)~~
- Scarface, I Seen a Man Die (1994)
- Screaming Trees, Dollar Bill
- Jon Secada, Just Another Day (1993)
- ~~Sigur Ros' Staralfur~~
- ~~Silver Jews, Wild Kindness (1998)~~
- ~~Skid Row, Wasted Time (1991)~~
- Slowdive, Alison or Dagger
- Smashing Pumpkins, Mayonaise, Blank Page, Disarm
- ~~Elliott Smith, Between the Bars (1997)~~
 - ~~Ballad of Big Nothing~~
 - ~~No Name No. 5 (1997)~~
- ~~Soul Asylum, Runaway Train (1993)~~
- Soundgarden, Fell on Black Days
- Spice Girls, Goodbye
- Bruce Springsteen, Streets of Philadelphia
 - Youngtown (1995)
- Sting, Why Should I Cry For You
 - Fields of Gold
- The Sundays, Cry
 - Or Here's Where the Story Ends
- Take That, Back for Good (1995)
- Temple of the Dog, Say Hello 2 Heaven (1991)
- ~~Third Eye Blind, How's it gonna be~~
 - ~~Jumper~~
 - ~~The Background~~
 - ~~Motorcycle Driveby~~
 - ~~God of Wine~~
- Pam Tillis, Maybe it was Memphis (1991)
- Tindersticks, Tiny Tears (1995)
- The Tony Rich Project, Nobody Knows
- TLC, Waterfalls
- Tonic, If You Could Only See (1996)

- Travis, Why Does it Always Rain on Me
- ~~U2, Stay, Faraway So Close~~
- Ugly Kid Joe, Cat's in the Cradle
- Uncle Tupelo, Steal the Crumbs
- Townes Van Zandt, Marie (1994)
- The Verve, The Drugs Don't Work
- The Verve Pipe, the Freshmen
- ~~Tom Waits, Hold On (1999)~~
- ~~The Wallflowers, One Headlight~~
- ~~Crystal Waters, Gypsy Woman (1991)~~
- ~~Gillian Welch, Orphan Girl~~
 - ~~By the Mark?~~
 - ~~Paper Wings?~~
- ~~Wilco, Via Chicago (1999)~~
- Lucinda Williams, "Sweet Old World" (1992) or "Metal Firecracker" (1998) or Drunken Angel (1998)
- Wilson Phillips, Release Me (1990)
- ~~Lee Ann Womack, "Little Past Little Rock" 1998~~
- Trisha Yearwood, Walkaway Joe (1992)

Suggested Songs Pending Eligibility Checks and Committee Listening:

- Starálfur - Sigur Rós
- Faith Hill's It Matters to Me. It's technically a cover, but Leann Rimes' Blue
- He thinks he'll keep her- Mary Chapin Carpenter
- The Child is Gone-Fiona Apple
- Mariah "One Sweet Day" or "I Don't Wanna Cry"
- Celine Dion "Where Does My Heart Beat Now"
- Monica, Before You Walk Out of My Life, Angel of Mine
- Bright Eyes, Padriac My Prince
- Silver Jews, Starlite Walker-American Water
- "Just Another Day" – Queen Latifah (1993)
- All That I Got Is You, Ghostface
- Every Light In The House Is On, Trace Adkins;
- "A Man Holdin' On (To a Woman Lettin' Go). Ty Herndon. 1998 Single. Album: Big Hopes.
- Let Him Fly or Sweet Lorraine by Patty Griffin
- White Wheeled Limousine OR Fortunate Song by Bruce Hornsby
- Resplendent by Bill Mallonee & The Vigilantes of Love

- Modest Mouse, Dramamine (1996), Talkin' Shit about a Pretty Sunset (1996), Custom Concern?, Trailer Trash (1997)
- Izzy Kamakawiwo "Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World", Tracy Chapman "The Promise," Nanci Griffith "Late Night Grande Hotel."
- God Give Me Strength - Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach (1996)
- Brandy, Have You Ever (1998) Almost Doesn't Count (1998)
- Alice DeeJay, "Better off Alone," Gigi D'Agostino's "L'Amour Toujours,"
- Richard Marx, Hazard (1992)
- Cat Power - Metal Heart
- Keith Sweat - Twisted (1996)
- Animal Instinct - The Cranberries
- - Unforgivable Sinner - Lene Marlin
- Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach, What's Her Name Today (96)
 - Judy and the Dream of Horses?
- Godspeed! You Black Emperor, The Dead Flag Blues (1997)
- John Gorka, Full of Life (90)
- Alabama, Once Upon a Lifetime, 1992
- Life is Fine - Rainer Ptacek
- Mutineer - Warren Zevon
- Then She Did... - Jane's Addiction
- That Summer Feeling - Jonathan Richman & The Modern Lovers
- Cortez the Killer (from Weld) - Neil Young and Crazy Horse
- Waiting for the Miracle - Leonard Cohen
- Hold On - Tom Waits
- Georgia Lee - Tom Waits
- Death Letter - Cassandra Wilson