

BIG DADDY'S TWENTY GREATEST ONE HIT WONDERS

"Whew! I'm thankful this list and topic are over. While I greatly appreciate the attention and passion you all brought to it, it also came with so much anger from some. I think the SPIRIT of the fun in it all got lost. So here's what happened. ANY final 20 selection that was followed with a hit that crawled into the top 40, even if 90% of music lovers can't recall that second hit today, did not make the cut. EXAMPLE? Billy Paul's ME AND MRS. JONES and THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE. EXAMPLE? An amazing track like Fountain's of Wayne's STACY'S MOM gets excluded because I own every note that band has ever recorded. So to me, they were so much more than the one hit that charted and there are other examples of this as well. While I don't own EVERY album FREE ever recorded, to me they are so much more than ALL RIGHT NOW. Mountain's MISSISSIPPI QUEEN is another example of this. EXAMPLE? The Contours score big time with DO YOU LOVE ME. Although FIRST I LOOK AT THE PURSE technically didn't chart Top 40 at the time it came out, PURSE is very well known today, so it's difficult to look at them as a one hit wonder. EXAMPLE? I only counted AMERICAN chart success. THE EASYBEATS had many other Australian hits, but FRIDAY ON MY MIND is their only USA chart success. So it made it. See what I'm saying? It's all so confusing that I wish I never started it. So, PLEASE remember that I love every one of these 70 nominated tunes and there's another hundred that could have been nominated. As for your votes? They absolutely mattered. They either reminded me of a song that I had forgotten or helped serve as tiebreakers for the final three or so that made the grade. One last thing. Songs usually become your favorites when you're younger and that definitely played a role in these selections. Ok, I lied. Here's ANOTHER last thing. I probably STILL have something wrong with this list! Again, THANK YOU!!!!

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

FIRE... ARTHUR BROWN
HEY BABY... BRUCE CHANNEL
RUBBER BISCUIT... THE CHIPS
A GIRL LIKE YOU... EDWIN COLLINS
SWEET SOUL MUSIC...ARTHUR CONLEY
GROOVE IS IN THE HEART...DEEE-LITE
COME ON EILEEN... DEXY'S MIDNIGHT RUNNERS
FRIDAY ON MY MIND... EASYBEATS
SEA CRUISE...FRANKIE FORD
SALLY SAYIN' SOMETHIN' BILLY HARNER
MCARTHUR PARK...RICHARD HARRIS
EVERLASTING LOVE...ROBERT KNIGHT
THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN...JOHNNY MAESTRO & BROOKLYN BRIDGE
I'LL MELT WITH YOU...MODERN ENGLISH
TIME WON'T LET ME...THE OUTSIDERS
BABY GOT BACK... SIR MIX-A-LOT
EXPRESSWAY TO YOUR HEART...SOUL SURVIVORS
MORE TODAY THAN YESTERDAY... SPIRAL STAIRCASE
DOUBLE SHOT OF MY BABY'S LOVE... SWINGIN MEDALLIONS
CLASSICAL GAS...MASON WILLIAMS