

Popular love songs stand the test of time

There are many different ways to convey feelings of affection. Some people pen poetry, others bestow gifts, while still others feel moved by music and lyrics. Songs have long been a popular way to convey emotions -- and love songs have been performed by artists from nearly every musical genre at some point in time.

Although music is subjective, some love songs have stood out as fan favorites. Commonly featured at weddings or as the backdrop on romantic evenings like Valentine's Day, the following songs are considered some of the more popular love songs of all time.

-- **"Love Theme From 'A Star Is Born'" (Evergreen):** This Barbara Streisand classic from the hit film helped Streisand earn both an Academy Award for Best Song from a Motion Picture and Grammy Award for Song of the Year.

-- **"Up Where We Belong":** Few people can forget the ending scene of "An Officer and a Gentleman" when Richard Gere sweeps Debra Winger off of her feet. The song "Up Where We Belong" by Jennifer Warnes and Joe Cocker from the movie will always be a romantic favorite.

-- **"All My Life":** Former Jodeci members K-Ci and JoJo created an enduring romantic song with this pop hit.

-- **"Save the Best for Last":** This song became Vanessa Williams' signature song and a smash hit.

-- **"Be With You":** Soul singer Mary J. Blige emphasizes sticking with the one you love by being loyal.

-- **"I Do It for You":** This Bryan Adams hit was nominated for an Oscar as the theme for the 1991 film "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves."

-- **"I'll Make Love to You":** This Boyz II Men song was one of the longest-running No. 1 hits of all time.

-- **"Lovesong":** The Cure's Robert Smith penned this song as a present to his wife, Mary, in 1988.

-- **"Sweet Love":** Anita Baker's soulful hit helped turn her from a budding R&B singer into a household name.

-- **"Love Me Tender":** His good looks and gyrating hips helped thousands of women fall in love with Elvis Presley. However, this signature love song



endeared the famed crooner to many others.

-- **"My Heart Will Go On":** Celine Dion's theme from "Titanic" became one of the most popular love songs of all time after the film's 1997 debut.

-- **"I'll Stand by You":** This 1994 hit from The Pretenders can be interpreted as a song of romantic devotion or a commitment to friends.

-- **"You Are So Beautiful":** Joe Cocker makes the list again with this soulful 1975 hit.

-- **"Have I Told You Lately":** Originally written and recorded by Van Morrison, this song gained new life and notoriety when recorded by Rod Stewart.

-- **"My Girl":** Beloved R&B group The Temptations deliver a song about sunshine on a cloudy day in this classic.

-- **"I Will Always Love You":** Written and performed by Dolly Parton, this song is perhaps most known for the version performed by Whitney Houston for the soundtrack of her 1992 film "The Bodyguard."

-- **"Time After Time":** A song of devotion, Cyndi Lauper earned her first No. 1 single with this hit.

-- **"Hey There, Delilah":** A simple song of young love by the Plain White T's.

-- **"Unchained Melody":** The Righteous Brothers delivered the best-known version of this song, which helped create movie magic between Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore in the 1990 film "Ghost."

-- **"Just the Way You Are":** Billy Joel's classic in which he tells his beloved she is perfect as-is.

-- **"Your Song":** A simple, eloquently written song of love from Elton John.

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Frugal ways to celebrate Valentine's Day

A day set aside to shower a loved one with gifts and touching words of affection, Valentine's Day brightens the often gloomy month of February. Established centuries ago with origins shrouded in mystery, Valentine's Day has evolved into one of the most popular -- and expensive -- days of the year. Many couples celebrate Valentine's Day with cards, gifts and nights out on the town, and such celebrations can stretch budgets.

Coming on the heels of post-holiday bills, Valentine's Day can feel like a costly prospect. Yet, even those on a budget can enjoy a special day to remember without breaking the bank. The following are several frugal ways to enjoy Valentine's Day.

• **Create your own greeting card.** It can be challenging to find cards that offer just the right sentiments. Sometimes cards seem distant, too risqué or overly sentimental. Instead, create your own card. Find a decorative blank card or make one from card stock. Search through your digital photos and print one of the two of you together. Glue on a paper heart border, and then jot down some affectionate sentiments.

• **Cleverly wrap favorite chocolate.** Chocolate is synonymous with Valentine's Day, and it's easy to spend a lot on gourmet chocolates without even knowing if your valentine will like what's inside the box. Stick to what you know he or she likes, even if it's a simple chocolate bar from a convenience store. Buy a few and then wrap them in a fancy box with ribbon.

• **Go out for a small bite to eat.** If you're concerned about the cost of an expensive dinner out or anticipate being restricted to a certain menu, plan to dine at home. You can



opt to go out for cocktails prior or head to a café for dessert and cappuccino afterward. This way you'll still get the experience of going out without being forced to overspend.

• **Purchase a rosebush.** Bouquets of roses are traditional gifts for Valentine's Day. However, thanks to the increased demand, the cost of roses tends to increase as Valentine's Day draws nearer. If you want to save money but still give roses, buy a plant that blooms each year. Buy a rosebush and plan to put it in the garden come spring when all danger of frost is gone.

• **Turn older jewelry new again.** Diamonds and other jewelry can be costly. If a new piece simply isn't in the budget, consider repurposing an older piece of jewelry that isn't worn as often. It's amazing what a new setting on a ring can look like or how stones on a seldom-used necklace can be turned into fashionable stud earrings. If you have a good amount of mismatched gold jewelry lying around, you may be able to sell it or have it melted down and turned into a beautiful new creation.

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Interesting facts about U.S. presidents

Americans celebrate President's Day each year in mid-February. Though some may see the holiday, which is celebrated on a Monday, as a great opportunity to book a three-day weekend getaway, others may be inspired to learn about the many men who have held the highest office in the United States. For the latter, the following are some interesting facts about U.S. presidents, courtesy of History.com.

• Founding father and first U.S. president George Washington was a man with many hobbies, including dog breeding. Alex Hager of the Presidential Pet Museum told History.com that Washington likely developed his passion for dog breeding as a result of his love of fox hunting. Indeed, the American Kennel Club considers Washington the father of the American foxhound. It's also worth noting Washington's predilection for giving his dogs humorous names, including Drunkard, Tippler and Sweet Lips.

• The country's fourth president, James Madison, was a slight man. Madison was five-feet-four and weighed just over 100 pounds. Madison might have put on a few additional pounds had he lived to enjoy the snack cake brand Dolly Madison, which was inspired by the fourth president's wife, Dolley, and introduced in 1937.

• John Quincy Adams might be most recognized as the first man to follow his father and hold the office of the president. However, the sixth president had a notable career even after his time holding the highest office in the land. John Quincy Adams argued before the Supreme Court in a case that freed African captives who had rebelled aboard the slave ship Amistad. That rebellion and its subsequent court case was later dramatized in the 1997 Steven Spielberg film "Amistad," in which Adams was portrayed by Welsh actor Anthony Hopkins.

• It took some time before the United States had its first American-born president, but that happened upon the election of Martin Van Buren in 1837. Prior to Van Buren's victory, all presidents had been born before 1776 and were thus British subjects at their time of birth.

• Many Americans fought long and hard to secure the right to vote, but one president never voted until his own name appeared on the ballot. Zachary Taylor, the nation's twelfth president, acknowledged he had never voted prior to 1848, the year he was elected president.

• Only two men in U.S. history have been elected to serve non-consecutive terms as president. The first to do so was Grover Cleveland, who served as

the nation's twenty-second and twenty-fourth president. That feat was not replicated until it was pulled off by Donald Trump, who was elected in 2016 as the nation's forty-fifth president and then again in 2024.

• Some presidents are more soft spoken than others, but perhaps none have been more reserved than the thirtieth president Calvin Coolidge. When a female visitor bet Coolidge that she could get three words out of him, Coolidge simply replied, "You lose."

• Thirty-third president Harry S. Truman's name is somewhat misleading. The middle initial "S" is not an abbreviation for any particular name, but rather an homage to his grandfathers Anderson Shipp Truman and Solomon Young.

• Richard Nixon, the nation's thirty-seventh president, was a highly skilled poker player. In fact, during his time serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Nixon won substantial sums of money playing poker, funds he ultimately used to finance his first political campaign.

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Did You Know?



Located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., the White House serves as the official residence for the President of the United States as well as the primary place where he or she conducts official business. The building was designed by Irish-born architect James Hoban, who was instrumental in creating many official buildings after emigrating to the United States. In June 1792, Hoban was summoned to the temporary U.S. capital in Philadelphia to compete in a design competition for the White House. George Washington, the first President of the United States, was fond of Hoban after admiring some of his work while touring the southern United States. Washington never got a chance to live in the White House, however. He is the only President never to live in the White House, as the building was not completed before the end of his second term. Washington's successor, President John Adams, moved into the residence in 1801. Since its inception, the White House has been changed a few times. In the building's infancy, it was set ablaze during the War of 1812 and had to undergo significant reconstruction. It also was expanded during Theodore Roosevelt's time in office to include a West Wing to house work offices. William Howard Taft added the first Oval Office. Although an official residence, the White House is a National Heritage Site and is owned by the National Park Service.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MINNEWAUKAN CITY COUNCIL January 13, 2026

1. Call to Order -- Mayor Matt Seufert called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call -- Present: Niles Short, Kaylee Clifton, Mitch Weed. Absent: None. Staff present: Audrey McCollum, auditor; Sari Babcock, public works. Public present: Don Trnka.

3. Approval of Agenda -- A motion was made by Short, seconded by Weed, to approve the agenda with no additions. The motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Weed, to approve the minutes of Dec. 9, 2025. The motion carried.

5. Public Comments -- No public comments.

6. Reports -- Sheriff: Laura Wanzek, sheriff of Benson County, reported that two individuals have been charged with breaking and entering at the red apartments. Sheriff Wanzek requested that the city secure all windows and doors to prevent unauthorized entry into the property. Additional patrols will be deployed in the area. Sheriff Wanzek is currently in the process of hiring new staff, noting that housing remains a significant challenge in the region.

7. New Business -- Donald Trnka submitted a letter of interest for the vacant council position. A motion was made by Clifton and seconded by Weed to appoint Donald Trnka to fill the existing vacancy. The motion carried. Seufert administered the oath of office to Mr. Trnka, who will serve for the remainder of Phelps' term until June 2026.

Snow removal in alleys: No motion was made.

Designate city funds for deposit into Old National Bank: A motion was made by Weed, seconded by Clifton, to approve. The motion carried.

Ordinance 7.0027.1: Amending Ordinance 7.0227 to apply backflow prevention and cross connection control requirements to city-owned property. First reading. A motion was made by Weed, seconded by Clifton, to approve. The motion passed.

8. Unfinished Business -- Floodwater Property cleaning contract 2026-29. A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Weed, to approve. The motion carried.

9. Reports --

Public works: Babcock presented the council with recent updates on her ongoing projects. Three solar-powered security cameras have been acquired and will be used to monitor various locations around town.

Auditor: McCollum notified Short and Trnka that their respective council terms would conclude in June and provided guidance on the filing procedures should they choose to seek re-election.

10. Approval of Bills -- A motion was made by Trnka, seconded by Short, to approve the following bills. The motion carried.

US Postal Service	\$122.00
CenDak	1,983.34
ND Telephone Co.	291.82
Payroll	627.98
Payroll	5,452.45
Blue Cross	2,106.17
ND PERS	1,295.40
Wang Law Office	900.00
Park Board	466.12
US Postal Service	10.45
Companion Life	164.77
Aqua-Pure	2,416.61
A. McCollum	40.00
BC Highway Dept.	993.50
CenDak	59.00
Double M	4,778.00
BC Farmers Press	217.26
Floodwater Properties ..	1,932.17
Mac's	20.35
ND Telephone Co.	271.50
Northern Plains	566.70
Otter Tail Power Co.	3,629.03
Runnings	12.00
S. Babcock	199.60
Sweeney Controls	2,380.10
Warrior Energy	2,699.63
Workforce Safety	660.93

11. Portfolio Reports --

Clifton expects a decision on road repair grant funds by month's end.

Weed asked if the city had all the water and sewer maps.

Short will meet Babcock in the morning to help burn the city dump.

Seufert will have employee evaluations at the next meeting.

12. Adjournment -- A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Weed, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Next council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Audrey J. McCollum

City Auditor

Matt Seufert

Mayor



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ANNUAL MEETING

February 17

10 a.m.

105 Main Ave. S., Fessenden, ND

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

Sale Begins at 1p.m. | Complimentary Lunch Prior to Sale

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48 Angus, Balancer & Gelbvieh Bulls / 30 Balancer & Gelbvieh Heifers



Granview Rise Above N05

AAA# 21255927
Sire: Stelplflug Hoffman Rise Above

BW	WW	YW	DOC	MARB	SM	SW
+3.9	+90	+131	+26	+55	+75	+83



Gran Plus One N74

AAA# 21354827
Sire: E&B Plus One

BW	WW	YW	DOC	MARB	SM	SW
-1.1	+60	+119	+25	+84	+53	+70



Gran Fully Loaded N21

AMGV# 1625918
Sire: Woodhill Merit F100-H224

BW	WW	YW	DOC	MARB	MPI	TPI
+1.5	+75	+121	+13	+1.09	99.75	242.02

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