

## LISTENING TO CLASSIC ROCK MUSIC FEATURED INSTRUMENTS/PERFORMANCES

Sometimes there's something particularly outstanding about or within a song. It could be instrumental technical skill (like a guitar solo), a voice (or harmonizing voices), the overall sound created in the recording studio, the tone of a particular instrument, the precision and energy in a live performance, or just the basic songwriting. Below are short lists (definitely subjective!) of artists and then songs that focus specifically on instrumental skill, tone and live performance. It is worth thinking about all the great artists/songs that do NOT fit on a list like this...

*Use these few suggestions as a platform for generating your own lists!*

### **Guitar (technical ability)**

Led Zeppelin – Jimmy Page (*Heartbreaker, Bron-Yr-Aur*)  
Jimmy Hendrix (*Hey Joe, Little wing*)

### **Guitar (production/tone quality and/or variety)**

Pink Floyd – David Gilmour (*Time, Pigs*)  
Led Zeppelin – Jimmy Page (*Stairway to Heaven*)  
Jimmy Hendrix - (*Who Knows*)  
The Who – Pete Townshend (*My Generation, Won't Get Fooled Again*)

### **Drums (technique and/or prominently featured)**

Led Zeppelin – John Bonham (*Moby Dick, Black Dog*)  
The Who – Keith Moon (*My Generation, Won't Get Fooled Again*)  
The Beatles – Ringo Starr (*Tomorrow Never Knows*)

### **Bass (technique and/or prominently featured)**

Led Zeppelin – John Paul Jones (*The Lemon Song, Heartbreaker*)  
The Who – John Entwistle (*Babba O'Riley, Pinball Wizard*)  
The Beatles – Paul McCartney (*Taxman, A little Help From My Friends*)

### **Vocals (skill and/or distinctiveness)**

The Beatles – John Lennon, Paul McCartney (*Come Together, Dear Prudence, Golden Slumbers, Let it Be*)  
The Rolling Stones – Mick Jagger (*You Can't Always Get What You Want, Sympathy for the Devil*)  
Pink Floyd – David Gilmour, Roger Waters (*Wish You Were Here, Pigs*)  
David Bowie (*Changes, Star Man*)  
The Beach Boys (*Good Vibrations, Farmer's Daughter*)  
Elton John (*Rocket Man, Tiny Dancer*)  
Joe Cocker (*A little Help From My Friends*)  
The Monkees (*Pleasant Valley Sunday*)

### **Live performing (albums)**

Jimi Hendrix (*Band of Gypsies*)  
The Who (*Live at Leeds*)  
Led Zeppelin (*BBC Sessions*)