

Favorite Driving Songs

“Rock ‘n Roll” Led Zeppelin – Great song to play drums to on the steering wheel. Allows you to keep hands at 10 and 2 and still keep rhythm. No Mocha Frapacino necessary to keep you awake when this song’s brewin’ in the car.

“Enter Sandman” Metallica – You’ll never fall asleep at the wheel with this one crankin’. It should probably be illegal to drive to this song as it brings out too much aggression. But that’s what the horn is there for.

“You’re All I’ve Got Tonight” The Cars – The phlanged effect drum intro just lets you know you’re about to be rocked like you’ve never been rocked before. Good sing along song. Not a good song to sing to your wife or girlfriend though.

“Sympathy for the Devil” Rolling Stones – I don’t usually like to award double entries on my lists, but in this case I have to. If you don’t go hoarse by the end of this song trying to mimic Mick’s screaming falsettoes then you’re just not alive. Throw down a few throat lozenges after singing this one and you’ll be fine. Trust me, I know.

“Hot for Teacher” Van Halen – The hair on my arms stands up just thinking about this song. You can’t help but do a little scat singing while listening to this one, “zap badda do, wamp badda dee, I’m hot for teacher.” Class dismissed!

“Baba O’Riley” The Who – Or “Teenage Wasteland” for those who have never taken the time to learn the correct title. Anyway, hard to believe sometimes that this song was recorded in 1971. Still sounds fresh today with the synthesized intro. Great song to drive down the coast to. No funny remarks here. Too good of a song to mock in any way.

“In the Mood” Robert Plant – Not a rocker, but one of my favorites. I remember listening to this song while driving on John F. Kennedy drive through Golden Gate Park in the early mornings with the sun (rare in San Francisco) just starting to peak through the trees. It’s a beautiful sight. You oughta try it sometime. Make sure you have Robert Plant along with you. Short of that have his CD in your car.