

## AMERICAN SONG STYLES

### The Blues

**MISSISSIPPI DELTA STYLE**-Developing out of field songs on the plantation, the Mississippi Delta Style of Blues is the sound of one man with heart rending vocals and his virtuoso fretwork on his guitar, telling of hard times. Often the song was based on one chord. **NEW ORLEANS BLUES** adds the high spirits of Dixieland jazz, mixes calypso, Creole and ragtime into a style all its own. New Orleans Blues is exemplified in the music of Professor Longhair, a boogie-woogie pianist with a croaking- yodeling voice and is often spoken of as the foundation for New Orleans rock and roll and Rhythm and Blues. He was also said to have been the mentor of Fats Domino, and Huey Smith. Longhair's rhumba rhythms influenced such hits by Ruth Brown, the Coasters and the Drifters. **TEXAS BLUES** blends shuffle beat, jazz, country and Cajun into a laid-back swinging style. Noted artists are Freddie King, and Lightnin' Hopkins. The **CHICAGO BLUES** adapted the deep Delta Blues, added drums and a strutting bass to plugged in guitars and forged a spine-tingling way to 60's rock and soul. The Rolling Stones took their name from Muddy Waters song "Rollin' Stone". Muddy Waters left the Delta and moved to Chicago in search of work. Muddy Waters and his band were the unquestioned leaders of the Chicago Blues pack in the late 1940's and early 1950's. Others were B.B King and Hound Dog Taylor.

### Selected Artists List compiled by Elisabeth Howard

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Many of the following artists may be classified in more than one style of singing

**Blues Legends** Howlin' Wolf, John Lee Hooker, Mississippi John Hurt, Little Walter, Willie Mabon, Robert Nighthawk, Son House, Tommy Johnson, Charley Patton, Albert King, Robert Johnson, Professor Longhair, Muddy Waters, Bobby "Blues" Bland, Lightnin' Hopkins, B. B. King, Mamie Smith, Robert Cray, Little Milton, Ethel Waters, Buddy Guy, Bessie Smith, Ruth Brown, Etta James, Dinah Washington, Ray Charles, Betty Carter and Billie Holiday.

**Traditional pop female artists** - Judy Garland, Kay Starr, Andrew Sisters, Liza Minnelli, Eydie Gorme, Doris Day, Barry Manilow, Engelbert Humperdink, Melissa Manchester, Sheena Easton, Cyndi Lauper, The Carpenters, Ann Murray, Dionne Warwick, and Barbra Streisand.

**Traditional pop male artists** - Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Bing Crosby, Sammy Davis Jr., Steve Lawrence, Nat "King" Cole, Robert Goulet, Johnny Mathis, Tony Martin, Neil Diamond, Simon and Garfunkel, Jack Jones, Tom Jones, Frankie Avalon, Engelbert Humperdinck, Michael Feinstein, Harry Connick Jr., Bobby Darin, Billy Eckstein,

**Pop female artists**- Celine Dion, Cristina Aguilera, Britney Spears, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Madonna, Jennifer Lopez, Cher, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Jewel, Janet Jackson, Linda Ronstadt, Donna Summer, Sarah McLaughlin, Bonnie Raitt, Natalie Cole, Gwen Stefani, Annie Lennox, Gloria Estefan, and Donna Summer, Stevie Nix, Ariane Grande, Selena Gomez, Taylor Swift, Beyonce, Nicki Minaj, Lady Gaga, Amy Winehouse, Demi Lovato, Sara Bareilles, Adele, Pink, Rihanna, Katy Perry, Kelly Clarkson, Jennifer Holiday, Shakira, Miley Cyrus, Meghan Trainor, Kesha, Gwen Stefani, JoJo, Alicia Keyes, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Avril Lavigne, Leona Lewis, Norah Jones, Jennifer Lopez, Nelly Furtado, Sheryl Crow, Mary J. Blige, Miranda Lambert, Martina McBride, Lauryn Hill, Fiona Apple, Tracy Chapman, Billie Eilish,

**Pop male artists** - Ed Sheeran, Justin Bieber, Eminem, Drake, Seal, Elton John, Richard Marx, Ricky Martin, Lionel Richie, STING, Elvis Presley, Bruce Springsteen, Bruno Mars, Justin Timberlake, Enrique Iglesias, James Taylor, Phil Collins, Billy Joel, Michael Jackson, , Paul McCartney, Boyz II Men, Marc Anthony, James Ingram, Rod Stewart, Aaron Neville, Michael Bolton, Backstreet Boys, N'Sync, Eric Clapton, Prince, Kanye West, Michael McDonald, Al Smith, One Direction, Pharell Williams, Pit Bull, Nick Jonas, Blink 182, Maroon 5, Kings of Leon, Adam Lambert, Jamie Fox, Jay-Z, Charlie Puth, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Freddie Mercury, Josh Groban.

**R&B female artists** - Dinah Washington, Aretha Franklin, Patti LaBelle, Diana Ross, Alicia Keys, Jill Scott, Donna Summer, Minnie Riperton, Etta James, Oleta Adams, Jennifer Holiday, Anita Baker, Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Tina Turner, Mary J. Blige, Brandy, Toni Braxton, Lauryn Hill, , Macy Gray, TLC, Regina Belle, Anita Baker, Janet Jackson, Chaka Khan, Tracie Spencer, Monica, Macy Gray, Faith Evans, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Mavis Staples, Beyoncé, Alicia Keys, Cher, Olivia Rodrigo.

**R&B male artists** - Ray Charles, Michael Jackson, Barry White, Otis Redding, James Brown, Smokey Robinson, Al Green, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Al Wilson, Little Richard, Rick James, Isaac Hayes, Ike Turner, Lou Rawls, Bill Withers, Luther Vandross, R. Kelly, Bryan McKnight, Peabo Bryson, Babyface, BB King, Lionel Richie, Usher, Marvin Gaye, Chris Brown, Otis Redding, Ray Charles, Teddy Pendergrass, Curtis Mayfield, Sam Cooke, John Legend, Jackie Wilson, Donny Hathaway, Musiq Soulchild,

**Country female artists** - Emmy Lou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette, Lynn Anderson, Crystal Gayle, Dolly Parton, The Judd's, Patsy Cline, Trisha Yearwood, LeAnn Rimes, Patty Loveless, Kathy Mattea, Pam Tillis, K.T. Oslin, Reba McEntire, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Mary Stuart, Dixie Chicks, Alison Kraus, Martina McBride, K.D. Lang, Faith Hill, Dixie Chicks, Barbara Mandrell, Dolly Parton, Anne Murray, Tanya Tucker, Roseanne Cash, Lee Ann Womack, Carrie Underwood, Shania Twain, Sugarland.

**Country male artists** - Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Marty Robbins, Ronnie Milsap, Charlie Rich, Hank Williams Sr., Hank Williams Jr., Charley Pride, Oak Ridge Boys, Conway Twitty, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Lee Greenwood, Waylon Jennings, Kenny Rogers, Larry Gatlin, Mel Tillis, Roy Orbison, Ricky Skaggs Roy Acuff, Lefty Frizell, George Jones, Travis Tritt, Charlie Daniels Band, Lonestar, Brooks and Dunn, Alabama, Vince Gill, Randy Travis, Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Marc Chesnutt, George Strait, Clint Black, Alan Jackson, Steve Wariner, Sawyer Brown, Lyle Lovett, Asleep at the Wheel, Dwight Yoakum, Tim McGraw, Luke Bryan, Keith Urban, Blake Shelton, Brad Paisley, Kenny Chesney, Waylon Jennings, Toby Keith, Trace Adkins, Elvis Presley, Kris Kristofferson, Buck Owens, Marty Robbins, Glen Campbell, Ronnie Milsap, Thomas Rhett, Johnny Cash.

**Rock female artists** - Melissa Ethridge, Alanis Morissette, Janis Joplin, Tori Amos, Pat Benatar, Indigo Girls, The Goo Goo Dolls, Blondie, Sheryl Crow, Stevie Nix, Eurythmics, Heart, Joan Osborne, Tracy Chapman, Fiona Apple, No Doubt, Joan Jett.

**Rock male artists** - The Who, The Doors, Rolling Stones, Jefferson Airplane, The Allman Bros., Bruce Springsteen, Tom Waits, Van Halen, Led Zeppelin, James Brown, Genesis, Jimi Hendrix, Styx, Lynrd Skynrd, Boston, John Mellencamp, Chicago, John Fogerty, Elvis Presley, Robert Plant, Robert Palmer, Queen, Kiss, Iggy Pop, David Bowie, Alice Cooper, Dire Straits, Jethro Tull, The Animals, The Band, Grateful Dead, KISS, Black Sabbath, Journey, John Mellencamp, Santana, Soundgarden, Frank Zappa, John Fogerty, Santana, Dave Mathews Band, Meat Loaf, Ozzy Osborne, Stone Temple Pilots, Bon Jovi, Lenny Kravitz, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Hole, Guns and Roses, Pearl Jam, Beck, Smashing Pumpkins, Black Sabbath, Ministry, ZZ Top, Tom Petty and the Heart Breakers, Chris Cornell, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Rod Stewart, Bono, Freddie Mercury, Neil Young, Elvis Costello, Jim Morrison, Lou Reed, Peter Dinklage.

**Hard Rock and Metal**- AC/DC, Disturbed, Alice in Chains, Arch Enemy, Black Sabbath, Ministry, Motorhead, Nine Inch Nails, Motley Crue, Scorpions, Metallica, Kid Rock, Marilyn Manson, Megadeth, Limp Bizkit, Def Leppard, Korn, Rob Zombie.

**Music Theater female artists** - Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Julie Andrews, Paige O'Hara, Barbara Cook, Betty Buckley, Carol Channing, Angela Lansbury, Elaine Stritch, Liza Minelli, Chita Rivera, Gwen Verdon, Patti LuPone, Bernadette Peters, Audra McDonald, Barbra Streisand, Kristin Chenoweth, Sutton Foster, Kelli O'Hara, Idina Menzel, Cynthia Erivo, Judy Garland, Judy Kuhn, Lea Salonga, Laura Osnes, Lea Michele, Kerry Ellis, Bebe Neuwirth, Christine Ebersole, Liz Callaway, Linda Eder, Laura Linney,6

**Music Theater male artists** - John Raitt, Robert Goulet, Gordon McCrae, Alfred Drake, Howard Keel, Ben Vereen, George Hearn, Robert Preston, Hugh Jackman, Mandy Patinkin, Colm Wilkinson, Norm Louis, Jerry Orbach, Michael Ball, Philip Quast, Norbert, Leo Butz, Danny Burstein, Andy Karl, Billy Porter, Jeremy Jordan, Matthew Morrison, Will Swenson, Gavin Kreel, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Ben Platt, Taylor Trensch, Robert Guccione, Michael Crawford,