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Subject: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2016 02:18:25 GMT  
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This was a music show on T.V. back in the 70's and 80's that had the big acts like Elton John performing their songs live. I have wondered why they don't bring back an updated version of that show.

If they did, what acts would you like to see in a setting like that?

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [sawyer25](#) on Tue, 02 Aug 2016 19:24:02 GMT  
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I grew up in the 90's so I do not directly relate to this show. Nonetheless, I am a huge fan of Elton John. I suppose his performances were electric back then?

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [Thaddeus](#) on Mon, 05 Sep 2016 12:56:35 GMT  
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I grew up in the 90's too, so I always attended clubs where bands would perform nightly. It was a lot of fun, but I always wished that they would have musical performances on TV for us. If I wanted to see those you had to pay for them on Showtime.

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [noodle](#) on Wed, 23 Aug 2023 03:12:55 GMT  
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The show's YT channel is fun to dig through. Here is the pilot episode and origin story.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itkwPhZFAHQ>  
Random fact: Microsoft's Paul Allen offered to buy the rights to the show, and the producer said no.

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 23 Aug 2023 13:45:18 GMT  
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I remember that show! I think it kind of fizzled after MTV started.

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [noodle](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2023 00:18:07 GMT  
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Yeah, the rise of MTV, maybe cable TV in general, and possibly SNL. Glad that the show's episodes were kept in good shape. They're quite the pop culture archive now.

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2023 14:15:16 GMT  
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Austin City Limits on PBS has featured many rock, country, blues and other genres over the years. Don't forget Don Kirshner's, Rock Concert in the 70's & 80's. Here's a Wikipedia list of performers. Darn near every classic rock band.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don\\_Kirshner%27s\\_Rock\\_Concert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_Kirshner%27s_Rock_Concert)

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [noodle](#) on Sun, 14 Jan 2024 23:47:59 GMT  
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I'm still scrolling through episodes on YouTube. Billy Preston is one of my favorite hosts so far. Also watched the Jim Croce episode, which was good but depressing; Croce and his guitarist Maury Muehleisen perished just a few months later.

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [Mulcahy](#) on Sun, 11 Feb 2024 05:06:23 GMT  
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This show's a mixed bag. Episode One is cool, then it depended on the host. I'll check out the latest upload. David Bowie is host.

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [Becky](#) on Fri, 03 Oct 2025 17:47:57 GMT  
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I don't know about this show because or maybe I wasn't born at that time. I am a huge fan of Elton John, listening to his songs has been impactful and promising to my soul and heart.

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Subject: Re: The Midnight Special  
Posted by [Bercle](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2026 17:02:35 GMT

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noodle wrote on Sun, 14 January 2024 17:47 I'm still scrolling through episodes on YouTube. Billy Preston is one of my favorite hosts so far. Also watched the Jim Croce episode, which was good but depressing; Croce and his guitarist Maury Muehleisen perished just a few months later. My dad always told me about that show was a big thing for many of them during that time. The attention that the show always had kind of died down with the coming of MTV, but I took time to see some of their episodes on YouTube and it was quite interesting to watch.

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