Subject: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Reggie on Sat, 16 Mar 2019 12:54:52 GMT
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I've noticed that song covers are much better than the original songs these days. This is a subjective issue, so I might be alone on this one. How do you like the song covers that amateur singers do?

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sat, 16 Mar 2019 14:40:23 GMT
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I used to think poorly of cover songs. But I've come to agree with you that some covers are better than the original.

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by TheWanderer on Mon, 18 Mar 2019 07:07:38 GMT
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There are plenty of covers I like better than the originals, but I'm not sure that's limited to recent days. I can recall many instances of cover songs I enjoyed more than their original counterparts from long ago.

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Newjack on Tue, 19 Mar 2019 01:31:11 GMT
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A few cover songs are OK, but in my opinion, good ones are few and far between. Everyone with a piano/guitar and a webcam thinks they can perform a song well and broadcasts it to YouTube. Some people are into that, which is fine, just not for me.

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by cwemoy on Mon, 25 Mar 2019 20:49:26 GMT
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Not all song covers sound better but there are few that stand out. There are a few people that can really get creative with working on other people's songs. Which song cover could we easily regard as the best of all time?

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Reggie on Wed, 03 Apr 2019 21:50:47 GMT
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TheWanderer wrote on Mon, 18 March 2019 02:07There are plenty of covers I like better than the originals, but I'm not sure that's limited to recent days. I can recall many instances of cover songs I enjoyed more than their original counterparts from long ago.
I agree that there were many cover songs in the past, and they were even done by famous musicians. It is so much easier these days to make a cover song because we don't need a studio to create a song.

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Echo on Fri, 07 Jun 2019 07:07:23 GMT
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It depends. I have heard some song covers that literally gave me goosebumps because they were that good, and much better than the original songs. Other times, however, they were not very impressive.

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by johnnycamp5 on Fri, 07 Jun 2019 20:10:55 GMT
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Does any one here like Elvis?

Every song he performed was a cover, or was written for him.
Some of the artists felt they would make more money in royalties that way, and the passage of time has proven them right.

There's certainly some bad covers though.
Ive never heard a Led Zeppelin cover song I liked. There are some bands that are more like "mimic" bands, meaning you can hear they are just trying to duplicate exactly the original song, which I never understood the point.

It's like an Elvis impersonator...
The closer they get, the creepier it seems lol.

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Rusty on Fri, 07 Jun 2019 22:12:41 GMT
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Yeah, I like some good old Elvi. He had a soulful voice, and any song he covered became his

own. I've got two of his old albums, Pot O Gold and Fun In Acapulco.

For the ultimate in bad taste, here's a band that plagiarizes both Elvis and Led Zeppelin. But they're so campy it's kinda fun. Throw in a reggae beat to make it completely over the top. Dread Zeppelin, doing Black Dog. Ay Chihuahua!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZHWy6W00oM

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Augustus on Sat, 29 Jun 2019 11:27:20 GMT
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I think cover songs work exceptionally well when it's done by a live band that isn't well-known. A lot of people want to sing along with the music and playing a popular song gets the crowd pumped up.

@johnnycamp5, maybe they're paying homage to the band they admire or are trying to prove they're just as good by mimicking them? That's all I can come up with on that front. I never understood it either.

Subject: Re: Song Covers Are Better
Posted by Rusty on Sun, 30 Jun 2019 17:08:40 GMT
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In music, so much is borrowed, sampled, mimicked and plain ripped off that some songs with different names are essentially the same lick. These two examples are no doubt to me plagiarized by admiration of one younger musician, Jimi Hendrix, to one older veteran musician, Albert Collins. Released around the same time period. Jimi got his start as a blues and r&b guitarist. And whom better than the incomparable Albert Collins to inspire a great lick and song by. Albert's instrumental, Thaw Out, sounds verbatim in structure and similar in tempo and drive to Jimi's, Drivin South, with a few lyrics thrown in. Both stand on their own as hard driving, searing blues guitar. Differing in one being a studio recording and the other recorded live. I just wish the live recording of Jimi's version was better captured. But his genius shines through. Boy he could scorch a guitar.
Albert Collins, Thaw Out https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VR294vigTa8
Jimi Hendrix, Drivin South https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjzgJBdEniA
