

Packet by Anderson Wang, with contributions by Diana Gerr

1. **One composer with this surname made the sound collage *SUM (State of the Union Message)* and the piece *I Come Out of Your Sleep*, which appear on the posthumous 2020 album *Here*. That musician was married to fellow electronic composer Annea Lockwood and has the first name Ruth. Another musician with this surname narrates a 2021 documentary about women pioneers in electronic music, titled *Sisters with Transistors*. One musician with this surname put on a 2016 Times Square concert meant for an audience of dogs. That artist invented an instrument by replacing a (*) bow's horsehair with magnetic tape and adding a tape head to the bridge of a violin. A plea to "hold me, Mom, in your long arms / in your automatic arms" appears in a track by an artist with this surname on her album *Big Science*. For 10 points, the song "O Superman" was made by a musician with what surname and first name Laurie?**

ANSWER: **Anderson** [accept Ruth **Anderson** or Laurie **Anderson**]

2. **A TikTok rap jingle advertising this restaurant was described by its artist as a "monstrosity of a beat", though she was clearly disinterested and warned in her previous TikTok "Just so you know, it's contractual". In September 2022, Dolly Parton somehow starred in a TikTok musical advertising one of this restaurant's products. Lil Nas X's first job was at this restaurant, which is referenced by the first memory in the music video for "Sun Goes Down". Rico Nasty's current display name on Instagram and Twitter is an alter ego named for this restaurant with an "A" at the end. Doja Cat covered Hole's (*) "Celebrity Skin" for this chain's 2022 Super Bowl ad; a few months later at Coachella, Doja Cat announced that she "brought back" a discontinued item on this restaurant's menu, the Mexican Pizza. For 10 points, Das Racist famously rapped "I'm at the combination Pizza Hut and" what restaurant?**

ANSWER: **Taco Bell**

3. **The title person performs this action, which the singer describes as "like a love affair", in a song that also repeats "You're a drop of blood in my glass of milk". The title undocumented immigrant performs this action in the Jens Lekman song "Shirin", and this action also happens to Jens Lekman on the cover of the album *Night Falls Over Kortedala*. One album titled for this action begins with the track "I Don't Wanna Die" and appropriately ends with "Ready to Die"; another track on that album asks "how come all the other (*) unicorns are dead?" A track titled for this action says "The second drummer drowned / His telephone is found" and begins "Darlin' don't you go and [do this action]". For 10 points, name this action that titles the first single from Pavement's *Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain*, as well as the most famous album by the Unicorns, which asks *Who Will [perform this action] When We're Gone*?**

ANSWER: **cutting** your **hair** [accept equivalents; prompt on just "**cutting**" or synonyms I guess]

4. **One of these songs begins "wo ai ni" and repeats "get get get on", and has a music video that takes place on a giant mahjong board. Another of these songs is set to imagery of various creatures like a black horse, a centaur, and a headless red dragon thing floating and running in place to the left, as well as Escher-like visuals. Artists responsible for these songs include TOOBOE and Eve, as well as former Vocaloid producers Kanaria and syudou (shu-dou). One of these songs contains the screamed refrain (*) "DEMON IN THE NAME OF DEVIL". A [emphasize] *counterpart* to these songs is a banger by Kenshi Yonezu set to a visual sequence parodying films like *Reservoir Dogs* and *The Big Lebowski*. Unusually for its genre, there is a unique one of these songs for each episode. For 10 points, name these songs that accompany the credits of a certain Fall 2022 anime about the devil hunter Denji, who can transform parts of his body into a power tool.**

ANSWER: **Chainsaw Man ending** themes [accept **EDs** or **credits** or other synonyms in place of "ending"; prompt on partial answers like "*Chainsaw Man* themes"] <DG>

Note to players (copy-pasted from TELEOLOGY): The indicator for this question “this formula” refers to a phrase with one word replaced with the variable X. You can also just say the name of the titles of any of the works if you don’t know what part to replace.

5. Sister Souljah mentions “security of the first world and all aligned forces” in the spoken intro to a song titled with this formula, whose video controversially depicted politicians being killed with a car bomb and a poisoned box of chocolates. Isaac Hayes added an 8-minute monologue narrating a break-up to the beginning of his 19-minute cover of a song titled with this formula, the last track on *Hot Buttered Soul*. Stepa J. Groggs sadly passed away during the recording of an album titled with this formula, whose lead single repeats “And that’s a tough pill to swallow” and (*) “Knees hurt when I grow”. Chuck D raps “What’s a smilin’ face when the whole state’s racist?” in a Public Enemy song titled with this formula written as a response to governor Evan Mecham cancelling MLK day in Arizona. For 10 points, a 2021 Injury Reserve album and a Jimmy Webb song famously covered by Glen Campbell are both titled for what six words followed by “Phoenix”?

ANSWER: By the Time I Get to X [accept “By the Time I Get to Arizona” or “By the Time I Get to Phoenix”; if you’re feeling nice, feel free to accept answers that get the wording slightly wrong, since the titles are sorta generic]

6. A song titled for these two words appears between “Let It Go” and “Broken Heart” on the legendary footwork EP *Rollin’*, and is by DJ Rashad and DJ Manny. In live performances of another song, these two words, or a variation on them, are always spoken after the line “sizes you up, plans his attack”. These two words followed by the name “Fab” are a huge meme among Strokes fans, due to its humorous appearance in the song “Ode to the Mets”. These two words are heard at the very start of a song that later mentions a place called “the Plateau” which is “where everybody goes”, and heavily samples the Kool & the Gang track (*) “Summer Madness”. These two words are spoken before the music comes in at the beginning of the DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince song “Summertime”. For 10 points, name these two words that indicate a polite request for the percussion to come in.

ANSWER: drums please [accept “drums please, Fab”]

7. Popular examples of these devices used in metal music include Pegasus, Sentient, Black Winter, and Nazgul. An unusual “bar” style of these devices is nicknamed for the jazz great Charlie Christian, and was notably used in the ES-150. To save on costs, Danelectro supposedly encased these devices in lipstick tubes, which is the origin of the “lipstick” variety of these devices. Configurations of these devices are given abbreviations like HH or HSS, where S and H represent single-coil and double-coil versions. They’re not pedals, but the company Seymour Duncan is best known for making these devices, including the ubiquitous JB (*) humbucker. These devices consist of a copper wire coiled thousands of times around a magnet, and are placed directly below the strings and connected to an amp. For 10 points, the name of what devices reflects their purpose of sensing vibrations in an electric guitar?

ANSWER: magnetic pickups [anti-prompt on “humbuckers” before “humbucker”; do not accept other answers like “amps”, “pedals”, or “guitars”]

8. The lyrics “Saturn will return us back to [this year]” and “Saturn have you turned to us once again?” appear in a Mystery Jets song titled for this year from their album *Curve of the Earth*. A 2020 rap track mentions this year before the line “Michael Jordan, bitch, I travel with a cocaine circus”. A song from Bo Burnham’s *Inside* outtakes begins by describing “a really cool guy” who everyone respects, before saying “his name is any white guy in [this year].” This year titles the first track on the Freddie Gibbs & The Alchemist album *Alfredo*, as well as the first track on the Passion Pit album (*) *Kindred*, which is named “Lifted Up ([this year])”. The most famous song named for this year was originally written by SR-71 and asks “When did reality / become TV?” For 10 points, name this year in which “There was U2 and Blondie, and music still on MTV” according to a song by Bowling for Soup.

ANSWER: 1985

9. An extremely rare book collecting puzzles by this man is currently selling for \$1500 on Ebay, and features a dodecahedron-shaped puzzle he made on its dark blue cover. Mark Halpin, who makes the annual Labor Day Extravaganza puzzle hunt, also regularly writes puzzles for a quarterly magazine named for this person. This man threw shade at crossword puzzles for testing esoteric knowledge in the snobbily named article “How to do a Real Crossword Puzzle”. The movie *The Last of Sheila* was inspired by a series of puzzle events run by this man, who along with Anthony Perkins wrote the film’s screenplay. From 1968 to 1969, this man took time off from his more famous occupation to write 42 (*) cryptic crosswords for New York magazine. For 10 points, what man included copious amounts of wordplay in songs like “A Little Priest” and “The Worst Pies in London”, from his musical *Sweeney Todd*?

ANSWER: Stephen Sondheim

10. The 2022 Pink song “Irrelevant” expresses the opposite of this sentiment at the beginning of the chorus, following it with “I’m tired, but I won’t sleep tonight”. The opposite of this sentiment is stated right after the lines “Oh, and they do what they see / ‘Cause it’s all on TV”, just before the chorus of the Dua Lipa track “Boys Will Be Boys”. One song says “And in the end I’d do it again / I think you’re my best friend / Don’t you know [this sentiment’s opposite]” and is from (*) Fall Out Boy’s *American Psycho*. A song titled for the opposite of this sentiment has a music video that pans around a room as people performing various activities at different stages of life morph into each other. That song’s chorus says “Chances thrown, nothing’s free / Longing for what used to be” and is by the Offspring. For 10 points, name this sentiment affirmed in a song by The Who concerning the status of some children.

ANSWER: the kids being alright [accept opposite answers like “the kids aren’t alright” because this tossup is confusing; if you’re feeling generous, accept synonyms of “kids” or “alright”, but every clue applies to the specific wording]

Note to players: Description required.

11. David Norland and Eric Perlmutter are known for their compositions that use this melody. In one film, the director searches through tons of YouTube videos to find one containing the phrase “sweet niblets” as well as this melody. This melody was introduced in 2002 during the “bounce era” and persisted through the “ribbon era” and the “rounded square era”. This melody sounds like the beginning of the horn line in “The Impression That I Get” by The Mighty Mighty Bosstones. In November 2022, the YouTube channel Defunctland released a 90-minute documentary subtitled “A (*) History Mystery” investigating the composer of this four-note melody. This melody played at the end of videos called “wand IDs”, in which actors would draw out a logo with a sparkly colored wand while introducing themselves. For 10 points, name this melody used in the TV bumpers of the network that aired *High School Musical*.

ANSWER: the Disney Channel bumper theme [accept any answer mentioning the Disney Channel; prompt on just “Disney theme”, but accept answers that convey the Disney cable television network]

Note to players: The answer is a proper noun.

12. The recent Dear Nora album *Human Futures* contains a track titled for a “Cowboy” in one of these places. A song with this title says “Al, your elevator looked / in hella disrepair / but I’m not fuckin’ with / a dozen flights of stairs.” and ends by describing “living vicariously / through a photo album in a stranger’s [this place]”. A music video begins with white text on a black background reading “This video was going to be shot in a [this place]. There wasn’t enough money to make it,” and the rest of the video is more text describing what it would have looked like. Kim Gordon repeatedly sings that one of these places “could set me free” in the second track from her album *No Home Record*. This word, with the first three letters censored, titles a Jeff Rosenstock track on his album (*) *NO DREAM*. For 10 points, touring musicians might rent what sorts of places for short term housing?

ANSWER: Airbnbs [prompt on “BNB” or “bed and breakfast”]

13. This DJ unusually began a 6-hour set at Berghain with the 20-minute jazz track “Harvest Time”. This DJ started the label Melodies International to reissue the relatively unknown soul and disco tracks he featured in his “You’re a Melody” parties. The most popular set on MixesDB’s list of “hottest mixes” was made by Four Tet and this DJ for the closing party of the club Plastic People. With Alexander Nut, this DJ founded Eglo Records, on which he released early tracks like “ARP3” and “Vacuum Boogie”. This DJ moved away from techno and house to a more warm, ambient sound on his 2015 debut album, which ends with the track “Peroration Six”. That album, (*) *Elaenia*, was heard by the jazz saxophonist of *Black Unity* and *Karma*, which led to them collaborating on a minimalist piece divided into 9 “movements”. For 10 points, name this electronic musician who collaborated with the London Symphony Orchestra and Pharoah Sanders on the album *Promises*.
ANSWER: **Floating Points** [accept Sam **Shepherd**]

14. Drummer Michael Spearman wears a shirt for this venue in the music video to Everything Everything’s “Night of the Long Knives”. In this venue, R.E.M. had a friendly competition with another band called “Rapid Eye Movement” for who could keep their name. The notorious smell of this club has been attributed to its use of Lysol disinfectant. In a 2021 surprise Foo Fighters concert celebrating a post-COVID reopening, Dave Grohl announced that a replica of this venue was opening near its original location. This venue changed its logo to slightly tilt left instead of right when it was sold to I.M.P. and moved to (*) V street in 1996. This club was the center of a punk scene that included bands like Government Issue, Bad Brains, and Minor Threat. For 10 points, name this iconic Washington, D.C. venue that is named both for its original numerical address and opening time.
ANSWER: **9:30 Club**

15. A 2022 album features this man’s unused lyrics on songs like “The Last One”, “Ten Times More”, and “Two 6’s Upside Down”. This singer wrote about Fred Trump’s discriminatory housing practices in the never-recorded song “Old Man Trump”, whose lyrics were appropriately discovered in 2016. This man’s lines “I’m a sailor peg / and I lost my leg” were found by Dropkick Murphys and used for their song (*) “I’m Shipping Up to Boston”. One of this man’s songs has two often-unperformed verses, one describing people “by the relief office” and the other a sign that says “private property”. This man’s daughter Nora arranged a collaborative Billy Bragg and Wilco album using this man’s unrecorded lyrics, which is titled for the street he lived on, Mermaid Avenue. For 10 points, name this songwriter referenced by the title of the Dropkick Murphys album *This Machine Still Kills Fascists*, who also wrote “This Land Is Your Land”.
ANSWER: **Woody Guthrie** [prompt on “Guthrie”]

16. According to a Noclip documentary, the composer for one game recorded himself playing this instrument at the beginning of development, and overlaid it with a recording right before release, to make the main menu theme. In one scene in that game, a building becomes more eroded each time you stop looking and look back at it, eventually creating an opening large enough to go inside and pick up this instrument. A kazoo plays instead of this instrument in a joke credits theme caused by breaking spacetime. This instrument is played by Riebeck, a fearful Hearthian stranded on a planet slowly breaking apart with a black hole at its center called (*) Brittle Hollow. This instrument plays before being joined in turn by a harmonica, whistling, a flute, a piano, and drums in the song “Travelers”. For 10 points, name this plucked string instrument that plays the main theme of *Outer Wilds*.
ANSWER: **banjo**

17. One remix of this song modifies the lyrics to mention “talking shit about your famous baby” and “the heart of ‘90s guilt”. This song was mashed up with Diana Ross’s version of “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” in a recent remix by Girl Talk. This song’s release was followed by a series of Twitter announcements for electronic remixes by artists like Kungs, Roosevelt, and ILLENIUM. In a Bleachers synthpop remix of this song, Jack Antonoff replaces the words “sexy baby” with “art bro” in the line (*)

“Sometimes I feel like everybody is a sexy baby”. A week after release, this song’s music video was updated to remove a scene with the artist on a bathroom scale reading “FAT”. For 10 points, name this Taylor Swift song whose chorus proclaims “It’s me, hi, I’m the problem, it’s me”.

ANSWER: “**Anti-Hero**”

18. A Japanese alt rock band named for this city is led by Kaoru Hashimoto and released the single "Good News Is Bad News"; that band is called [this city] Lambda Club. Another band named for this city sang "we're slow to acknowledge the knots in the laces" on a song better known for its cover by Dr. Dog. This city’s rock scene centers on its Tavastia Club, which is where a band that uses a “heartagram” logo and released the albums *Love Metal* and *Razorblade Romance* got its start. Probably the best-selling band from this city is led by (*) Ville Valo (vil-ay val-oh) and named HIM. An Australian indie band behind the albums *Moment Bends* and *In Case We Die* is named for this city's "architecture". Former residents of this city include the composers of *Cantus Arcticus* and the *Karelia Suite*. For ten points, name this European city, the birthplace of Einojuhani Rautavaara and Jean Sibelius.

ANSWER: **Helsinki**, Finland <DG>

Note to players: color and animal required.

19. The line “There’ll be three [these animals] in a line” is repeated throughout the first track on Andrew Bird’s *Hands of Glory*, in a reference to Blind Lemon Jefferson’s “See That My Grave Is Kept Clean”, which describes two of these animals in a line. A feedback-heavy song titled for these animals begins “The consequences of leaving” and repeats “Still [these animals] take us home”. Beth Gibbons sings “Wild [these animals] / They will take me away / And the tenderness I feel” in the Portishead track “The Rip”. A disco-inspired song by (*) Laid Back is titled for this animal and uses it as slang for heroin, in contrast to a similar term used for cocaine. These animals title the first track on the Low album *HEY WHAT*, as well as a Taylor Swift track that says “Now it’s too late for you and your [this animal] to come around”. For 10 points, name this animal that Donkey turns into in *Shrek 2*.

ANSWER: **white horses** [prompt on partial answers]

20. Erik Nielson and Andrea Dennis compiled around 500 court cases involving people in this profession while writing a 2019 book titled for a certain word “on Trial”. Each episode of the NPR podcast *Louder Than A Riot* focuses on a person with this profession. In November 2022, an open letter published in the *New York Times* and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* references several of these people facing RICO charges in Georgia’s Fulton County. One person in this profession says “If I had to identify it, I would call it a gun...of the long-ass variety” while being interrogated for killing (*) Darnell Simmons in a *Key & Peele* sketch. In September 2022, California passed a law making it illegal to use these people’s creative output as evidence in a trial. For 10 points, name these people whose lyrics have often been used against them in court, including in the 2022 trial of two of these people named Gunna and Young Thug.

ANSWER: **rappers** [accept **MCs**; accept **hip-hop** musicians or artists; prompt on “musicians”, “artists”, “singers”, or similar answers that don’t indicate the genre]

Some links for future viewing/listening

Key and Peele’s “Rap Album Confessions”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14WE3A0PwVs>

Disney Channel’s Theme: A History Mystery (highly recommended!!):

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

Floating Points Red Bull lecture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7ImPIREp00>

Short history of Danelectro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPp9K4TcQVc>