

# A Musical Review

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As the school year begins to wind down, we look back on the year that is about to come to a close. In my eyes, each year of school is like a movie, each with a unique script, new characters, and an awesome soundtrack. Here is the soundtrack of the 2012/13 school year.

## 1. “It’s Time” by Imagine Dragons

Sung beautifully at this year’s graduation, this song reached its height in the fall/winter of this year. In my eyes, It’s Time sums up what any school year hopes to be, a vehicle for change as well as an opportunity to look back on great achievements.

## 2. “Gangnam Style” by PSY

This song was everywhere for the majority of this school year. No matter where you hear this song, there is a subconscious obligation to dance like an idiot for three minutes and thirty-nine seconds.

## 3. “I Will Wait” by Mumford & Sons

Although I personally am not a fan of this group, there is something about that banjo work that made this song the marquee track of the Album of the Year at the Grammys this February.

## 4. “The A Team” by Ed Sheeran

Not everyone can claim that they knew about Ed Sheeran before he was on the radio. However, we all can agree that this song shows the sensitive and acoustic side of this generation’s British Pop Invasion, everything that One Direction is not.

## 5. “Thrift Shop (feat. Wanz)” by Macklemore

If this song did nothing else, it provided local secondhand stores with incredible business over the school year.

## 6. “Welcome to the Jungle” by Guns’n’Roses

School Committee meetings.

## 7. “Suit and Tie (feat. Jay-Z)” Justin Timberlake

Justin Timberlake returned to music with a bang this spring with this track, reminding us all that it is fun to dress up every now and then.

## 8. “As Long As You Love Me” by Justin Bieber

Personally, I am not one for the Beebs, but you can’t deny that this song is catchy. One of the more frequently played songs on the radio this year, Bieber played this song rather well acoustically on the Saturday Night Live stage.

## 9. “Harlem Shake” by Baauer

Everybody and their mother has made a Harlem Shake video, or at least seen them on YouTube over the last few months. About 30 sophomores, myself included, hastily made one such video while stranded at the Salem Waterfront Hotel after the semiformal.

**10. “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together” by Taylor Swift**

Like, ever. What would a school year soundtrack be without a Taylor Swift song? It seems that there is always a new Taylor Swift song on the radio, each one given infinite airtime on just about every radio station.

I am sure that I have missed numerous songs that were equally enjoyed over the last nine months. I apologize for omitting them. Now it’s time for summer, and time to find new and exciting music to share with friends next fall. I hope everyone has a great summer, and I look forward to writing for Headlight again next year.

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