

You probably already know that music is a great way to learn and practice English. Choosing who to listen to can be difficult, though, as there are so many great artists and music genres available. Choosing who to listen to can be almost as difficult as learning English.

In these handouts, we're going to look at some of the more popular western artists. We'll talk a little bit about their personal lives and also learn the lyrics (words) from one or two of their more popular songs. Questions about the artists and their music can be sent to me at teacher@englishforlife.ca.

Heart was the **brainchild** of musicians Roger Fisher (guitar) and Steve Fossen (bass guitar), whose earlier groups were The Army (1967-1969), Hocus Pocus (1969-1970), and White Heart (1970-1973). By 1975, the band had shortened its name to Heart and included Fisher, Fossen, Ann and Nancy Wilson, Michael Derosier and Howard Leese. This **lineup** would stay together for the band's mid- to late-1970's claim to fame.

The band was originally formed in Seattle, Washington, the home of many other successful bands such as Nirvana and REM, but it would later move north to Vancouver, Canada. Roger Fisher's brother, Michael, was **drafted** to serve in the Vietnam war but fled to Canada in '71 or '72. Ann Wilson met Michael when he **discretely** returned home to visit family and fell in love with him almost immediately. She decided to follow Michael back to Canada when he returned and they were followed by Roger Fisher and Fossen a year or two later. Nancy Wilson joined the band in 1974 and their core lineup was complete.

Heart released its first album, [Dreamboat Annie](#), in September, 1974, and the record sold 30,000 copies before the year was finished. The band would record several more albums in the '70's, [Magazine](#), [Little Queen](#) and [Dog & Butterfly](#), to name a few. Magazine was **released** in '77 but a legal battle between Mushroom Records, whom Heart had left, and Portrait Records, forced the band to re-edit the album and release it again in '78. Magazine went **platinum** almost immediately and Dog & Butterfly went double platinum

Heart's early success was due to its **fusion** of hard rock, metal and folk (Ann Wilson plays the flute on some of their songs), but by the late 70's and early 80's, lineup changes that altered the band's sound began to affect their popularity. Subsequent albums didn't succeed as well but the band mounted a **comeback** in 1985. They signed with Capitol Records to release the album "Heart", which went on to sell 5 million copies and had five of its songs become hit singles.

Heart continued to produce albums but the Wilson sisters **embarked** on projects outside the band. Nancy Wilson left the band in 1995 to raise her family; the band dissolved in 1998 but was **resurrected** in 2002. The band no longer exists (in its original form) although the Wilson sisters occasionally reunite as Heart but with new members. The band has been honoured by the music station VH1, the Kennedy Center, and has been admitted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. Whether performing as Heart (or some version of it) or on solo projects, it's unlikely the Wilson sisters will be retiring anytime soon, welcome news for their original fans and more recent Heart converts.

Lyrics

Dreamboat Annie lyrics

Heading out this morning into the sun
Riding on the diamond waves, little darlin' one

Warm wind caress her
Her lover it seems
Oh, Annie, dreamboat Annie
Ship of dreams
Oh, Annie, dreamboat Annie
Little ship of dreams

Going down the city sidewalk alone in the crowd
No one knows the lonely one whose head's in the clouds

Sad faces painted over with those magazine smiles
Heading out to somewhere
Won't be back for a while

Won't be back for a while
Won't be back for a while
Won't be back for a while

Crazy On You lyrics

If we still have time, we might still get by
Every time I think about it, I wanna cry
With bombs and the Devil, and the kids keep comin'
No way to breathe easy, no time to be young

But I tell myself that I was doin' all right
There's nothin' left to do at night
But go crazy on you
Crazy on you
Let me go crazy, crazy on you, oh

My love is the evenin' breeze touchin' your skin
The gentle, sweet singin' of leaves in the wind
The whisper that calls after you in the night
And kisses your ear in the early moonlight
And you don't need to wonder, you're doing fine
My love, the pleasure's mine

Let me go crazy on you
Crazy on you
Let me go crazy, crazy on you, oh

Wild man's world is cryin' in pain
What you gonna do when everybody's insane?
So afraid of one who's so afraid of you
What you gonna do?

Ooh, crazy on you
Crazy on you
Let me go crazy, crazy on you

I was a willow last night in a dream
I bent down over a clear running stream
Sang you the song that I heard up above
And you kept me alive with your sweet flowing love

Crazy
Yeah, crazy on you
Let me go crazy, crazy on you, oh
Crazy on you
Crazy on you
Let me go crazy, crazy on you, yeah
Crazy on you
Crazy on you
Let me go crazy, crazy on you, oh

Barracuda lyrics

So this ain't the end, I saw you again today
I had to turn my heart away
Smile like the sun, kisses for everyone
And tales, it never fails

You lyin' so low in the weeds
I bet you gonna ambush me
You'd have me down, down, down, down on my knees
Now wouldn't you?
Barracuda, oh

Back over time, we were all tryin' for free
You met the porpoise and me, oh, oh, oh
No right, no wrong, selling a song
A name, whisper game

And if the real thing don't do the trick
You better make up something quick
You gonna burn, burn, burn, burn, burn
to the wick
Ooh, barracuda, oh, yeah

"Sell me, sell you" the porpoise said
"Dive down deep, now, save my head"
You
I think that you got the blues, too

All that night and all the next
Swam without lookin' back
Made for the western pools
Silly, silly fools

The real thing don't do the trick
No, you better make up something quick
You gonna burn, burn, burn, burn, burn
to the wick
Ohh, barra-barracuda, yeah

Ooh, hey

These Dreams lyrics

Spare a little candle
Save some light for me
Figures up ahead
Moving in the trees
White skin in linen
Perfume on my wrist
And the full moon that hangs over
These dreams in the mist

Darkness on the edge
Shadows where I stand
I search for the time
On a watch with no hands
I want to see you clearly
Come closer than this
But all I remember
Are the dreams in the mist

These dreams go on when I close my eyes
Every second of the night I live another life
These dreams that sleep when it's cold outside
Every moment I'm awake the further I'm away

Is it cloak 'n' dagger
Could it be spring or fall
I walk without a cut
Through a stained glass wall
Weaker in my eyesight
The candle in my grip
And words that have no form
Are falling from my lips

These dreams go on when I close my eyes
Every second of the night I live another life
These dreams that sleep when it's cold outside
Every moment I'm awake the further I'm away

There's something out there
I can't resist
I need to hide away from the pain
There's something out there
I can't resist

The sweetest song is silence
That I've ever heard
Funny how your feet
In dreams never touch the earth
In a wood full of princes
Freedom is a kiss
But the prince hides his face
From dreams in the mist

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vocabulary

brainchild	The creative or intellectual product of someone's efforts
lineup	(re: music bands) the members of a band
drafted	Chosen or selected to serve in one's country's army
discretely	Quietly and without being noticed
released	Made available for purchase
platinum	A recognition for a record that has sold more than 1 million copies
fusion	Combining several different styles in a creative effort (applies to food as well as music)
comeback	When someone or something is no longer popular but tries to regain their former popularity
embarked	To try something new or different, or to collaborate with someone new
resurrected	Recreated after ceasing to exist

YouTube videos

Dreamboat Annie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5YTF26mkiU>

Heart-Crazy On You

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZuW6BH_Vak

Dreamboat Annie (full album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gesm75IKTnE&list=PLrpyDacBCh7BzkEUksyhLc5sUi4r-55LD>

Magazine (full album)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOr1nV9p_XE&list=PL5605B08D24D17B8A

Barracuda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdOkQ6THDVw>

Little Queen (full album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdOkQ6THDVw&list=PL7-ovQDmwIIzBevUXgkL11YdWbGZqBuK>

Dog & Butterfly (full album)

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Heart - These Dreams (Live In Seattle)

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