

POP 2

a second packet for popheads written by Kevin Kodama

Bonuses

1. One song from this album says “If they keep telling me where to go / I’ll blow my brains out to the radio”. For ten points each,

[10] Name this sophomore album by Lorde. This Grammy-nominated album contains songs like “Perfect Places” and “Green Light”.

ANSWER: **Melodrama** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] Melodrama was created with the help of this prolific producer and gated reverb lover. This producer also worked on *Norman Fucking Rockwell!* with Lana del Rey and *folklore* with Taylor Swift.

ANSWER: Jack **Antonoff** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] This *Melodrama* track begins with documentary audio that remarks “This is my favorite tape!” and a Phil Collins drum sample. This song draws out the word “generation” after spelling the title phrase.

ANSWER: **“Loveless”** (prompt on “Hard Feelings/Loveless”) <Hard, 2/2>

2. This artist's first solo release was an acid house track called "Dope". For ten points each,

[10] Name this Kazakh producer who remixed a certain SAINT JHN song into a 2020 hit. This producer's bass effects are a constant presence in that song, which goes "You know I get too lit when I turn it on".

ANSWER: **Imanbek** <Mid, 1/2>

[10] That aforementioned song by SAINT JHN has this title and goes "Never sold a bag but look like Pablo in a photo". This is also the title of the final song in Carly Rae Jepsen's *E•MO•TION Side B*.

ANSWER: **"Roses"** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] After "Roses", Imanbek went on to sign with this producer's label Dharma. This producer collaborated with Tiestö to create the hit "Secrets".

ANSWER: **KSHMR** <Hard, 0/2>

3. A spooky lo-fi track from this album talks about wanting to be near “Fresh Laundry”. For ten points each,

[10] Name this 2020 album that contains the Mitski duet “Susie Save Your Love”. This album says “we don’t need no bag of ice ‘cause that’s for party poopers” in a track about a seedy nightclub.

ANSWER: **Cape God** <Hard, 0/2>

[10] Another duet from *Cape God* is “Love Me Wrong”, which was a collaboration between its creator Allie X and this artist. This artist’s “My My My!” was the lead single from his second album *Bloom*.

ANSWER: Troye **Sivan** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] The lead single from Allie X’s *Cape God* is named for a saying about one of these creatures “I know”. A *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy* track is named after one of these creatures “In A New Dress”.

ANSWER: **devils** <Easy, 2/2>

4. In her most famous song, this artist proposed the eternal question: “Kickin’ in the front seat, or sittin’ in the back seat?”. For ten points each,

[10] Name this artist who faced a storm of Internet abuse after releasing the pre-written single “Friday”. Her more recent work includes the 2019 singles “Sweetheart” and “Anyway”.

ANSWER: Rebecca **Black** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] Rebecca Black says “Told you I could smash your petty trash labels” in the song “Edgelord”, a collaboration with this non-binary artist. This artist released their debut album *Flamboyant* in 2019.

ANSWER: **Dorian Electra** (accept Dorian **Gomberg**) <Mid, 2/2>

[10] This Dorian Electra song asks “So you wanna play rough in the parking lot?” and challenges its masculine addressee to talk feelings. The single art for this song shows Dorian Electra in boxing gloves.

ANSWER: **Man to Man** <Hard, 2/2>

5. Joshua Holland's Twitter called Ben Shapiro's response to this song "the greatest self-own in the history of self-owns". For ten points each,

[10] Name this sex-positive #1 hit by Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion. This song mentions needing "a bucket and a mop" for the title phrase.

ANSWER: **"WAP"** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] This Fifth Harmony member has a cameo in the "WAP" video, where she carries a black and white plaid parasol. This singer's team was criticized for underpromoting her after her single "Motivation".

ANSWER: **Normani** Hamilton <Mid, 2/2>

[10] This other Cardi B track mentions putting a phone "on airplane mode so none of those calls come through". SZA sings "dapper, dapper, I look fine and my checks divine" during her feature on this track.

ANSWER: **"I Do"** <Hard, 0/2>

6. A song by this artist goes "by the time I calculated the solution / the question had escaped me and so did the conclusion". For ten points each,

[10] Name this artist who included "Mathematics" and "New in Town" on her album *Hands*. This artist tells the listener to "move while you're watching me dance with the enemy" in "Remedy".

ANSWER: **Little Boots** <Hard, 0/2>

[10] The Little Boots song "Stuck on Repeat" is part of the "space" type of this genre. The "Italo" form of this genre uses simple lyrics sung in thick accents, while its "nu" form contains artists like Roisin Murphy.

ANSWER: **disco** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] This other "Little" act was the 2nd best-selling girl group in the world in the 2010s. Despite the success of this British group's album *Glory Days*, they have never toured in the United States.

ANSWER: **Little Mix** <Easy, 2/2>

7. Tzuyu appears surrounded by five CG leopards in this song's Garden of Eden-themed music video. For ten points each,

[10] Name this song that goes "Geuleoni han beon deo" right before its first dance break, which takes inspiration from dubstep and tropical house.

ANSWER: **"More & More"** <Hard, 2/2>

[10] "More & More" is by this girl group, who first rose to fame with their 2016 hit "Cheer Up". This best-selling Korean girl group of all time released the *Feel Special* EP in 2019.

ANSWER: **TWICE** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] TWICE compares their feelings to this food in "Fancy". Lisa says "Play the part like Moses, keep it fresh like roses" in another song about this food.

ANSWER: **ice cream** <Mid, 2/2>

8. Answer the following about artists who are more famous as songwriters. For ten points each,

[10] This artist was Grammy-nominated for her work on "7 rings", and she helped write "Do It" by Chloe x Halle. This artist's debut album *Jaguar* includes funky tracks like "Experience" and "Ass Like That".

ANSWER: Victoria **Monét** <Mid, 0/2>

[10] This prolific songwriter is credited on Camila Cabello's "Cry for Me" and Nick Jonas' "Sucker", as well as the 5 Seconds of Summer 2020 album *CALM*. This artist is also the frontman of OneRepublic.

ANSWER: Ryan **Tedder** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] This artist has songwriting credits on half of Katy Perry's *Witness*, and she was also credited on Dua Lipa's "Levitating". This artist was the lead singer of the electropop group Ultraviolet Sound.

ANSWER: Sarah **Hudson** <Hard, 0/2>

9. This song plays in the opening scene of the horror film *Get Out*. For ten points each,
[10] Name this Childish Gambino song that tells its listener to “stay woke”. Gambino sings in an unusually high register in this song and repeats “If you want it / you can have it”.

ANSWER: **“Redbone”** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] This duo released a cover of “Redbone” as part of their EP *night/pop*. This Grimes-inspired synthpop duo’s other songs include “Live 4ever”, “Neon”, and “How to Get Physical”.

ANSWER: **Magdalena Bay** <Hard, 1/2>

[10] Magdalena Bay talks about how “the Russians could take over” in a song titled after this city. Lana del Rey talks about “being on the stoop with the neighborhood kids” in another song titled after this city.

ANSWER: **Venice** <Mid, 2/2>

10. This song begins “Can I just record you doing that?” before its pounding bass line kicks in. For ten points each,

[10] Name this dance-pop single that parodies overconfidence and toxic masculinity. This song commands the listener to “Write my name up in the sky from Paris to Shibuya”.

ANSWER: **“Comme des Garçons”** <Hard, 2/2>

[10] “Comme des Garçons” is on Rina Sawayama’s debut album, which also includes this critique of capitalism. This song repeats “gimme just a little bit” while sudden bursts of heavy guitar jump in.

ANSWER: **“XS”** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] In 2020, this artist called SAWAYAMA “the strongest album of this year by far” and worked with Lady Gaga on the song “Sine From Above”. He’s more famous for older songs like “Rocketman”.

ANSWER: Elton **John** <Easy, 2/2>

11. This song was the only collaboration between its writer and Jimmy Napes. For ten points each,

[10] Name this song that talks about how “everythin’ is icy and blue” in the title childhood location and how “you would be there, too”. This song talks about “watching the fire glow / under the mistletoe”.

ANSWER: **“Christmas Tree Farm”** <Hard, 1/2>

[10] “Christmas Tree Farm” is by this artist, who sings about “the glow of the vending machine” in “Cruel Summer” and “the refrigerator light” in “All Too Well”. The latter is from this artist’s album *Red*.

ANSWER: Taylor **Swift** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] This Taylor Swift song contains a run-on sentence that begins “So this is me swallowing my pride standing in front of you” and reminisces about “how you held me in your arms that September night”.

ANSWER: **“Back to December”** <Mid, 2/2>

12. This artist released the synthpop and reggaeton-inspired song “Solita” in an effort to pivot towards Spanish-language music. For ten points each,

[10] Name this Colombian-American artist who sings “You’re obsessed, just let me go” over a lush bass line in “Dead To Me”. This artist released that track on her 2018 debut album *Isolation*.

ANSWER: Kali **Uchis** <Mid, 1/2>

[10] Kali Uchis accuses the title character of “watching from the bleachers” in this song, where she plays a gold-digger. Steve Lacy repeats “she don’t want love / she wants my hundred-dollar bills” in this song.

ANSWER: **“Just a Stranger”** <Hard, 1/2>

[10] Another Kali Uchis song is “After the Storm”, which features this artist of *Flower Boy* fame. This artist wore an iconic blonde wig and shades in the video for his song “Earfquake”.

ANSWER: **Tyler, the Creator** <Easy, 2/2>

13. In an emotional track subtitled “Breakup”, this artist sings “So I just cry / And I need you”. For ten points each,

[10] Name this five-year-old who raps about blowing up on Tik Tok and playing Roblox in the time of corona. Her debut album clocks in at just under five minutes.

ANSWER: Emily **Montes** <Mid, 1/2>

[10] The total lack of music theory in Emily Montes' work has drawn comparisons to this experimental Farrah Abraham album, which contains the horribly auto-tuned "On My Own".

ANSWER: ***My Teenage Dream Ended*** <Hard, 1/2>

[10] In "Emily rose", Montes boasts "some say I'm better" than "Nicki and <this artist>", despite "only rapping for an hour". This Chicago rapper is known for his albums *Coloring Book* and *Acid Rap*.

ANSWER: **Chance the Rapper** <Easy, 2/2>

14. One song from this country repeats "Ah-oooooh! 5-6-7-8-9" and is called "Telephone Number". For ten points each,

[10] Name this country that created the funk-adjacent genre city pop. The techno-pop group Perfume is from this country, as is the artist of "PONPONPON".

ANSWER: **Japan** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] This city pop artist worked with her husband Tatsuro Yamashita on songs like "Oh No, Oh Yes!". But this artist is most famous for singing "I'm just playing games" in her hit "Plastic Love".

ANSWER: Mariya **Takeuchi** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] This newer city pop artist usually sings in Korean despite her Japanese descent. This artist broke out with her 2019 single "NEON", which is part of her debut album *SOUL LADY*.

ANSWER: **YUKIKA** Teramoto <Hard, 2/2>

15. This artist posted about having nightmares after widespread criticism of her album *Love + Fear*. For ten points each,

[10] Name this artist who took on the persona of various American female archetypes on her album *Electra Heart*. This Welsh artist's hits include "How to Be a Heartbreaker" and "Hollywood".

ANSWER: **MARINA Diamandis** (accept either underlined name, accept **Marina and the Diamonds**) <Easy, 2/2>

[10] This MARINA album proclaims "I'm not afraid of God / I am afraid of man" in "Savages". The title track from this album is a minor key synthpop track that goes "I've been saving all my summers for you".

ANSWER: **Froot** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] This song from *Froot* goes "Gimme love, gimme dreams, gimme a good self-esteem" before belting "Let's do it one last time". The artist travels around a deserted amusement park in the video for this song.

ANSWER: **Blue** <Hard, 2/2>

16. Answer the following about the criminally underrated 2003 album *Body Language*. For ten points each,

[10] This lead single from *Body Language* combines an electroclash-inspired synth bassline with airy, seductive vocals. This song asks the listener to "come on and dance with me / yeah".

ANSWER: **Slow** <Hard, 0/2>

[10] *Body Language* is an album by this artist, whose more recent releases include "Say Something" and "Magic". This artist's compilation album *Step Back in Time* contains the non-album single "Timebomb".

ANSWER: Kylie **Minogue** <Mid, 1/2>

[10] This song was written for *Body Language*, but it was released on Britney Spears' album *Into the Zone* after Minogue rejected it. This electropop classic goes "with a taste of your lips, I'm on a ride".

ANSWER: **Toxic** <Easy, 2/2>

17. This group throws snow into the sky during "Let It Go" in YouTube Rewind 2014. For ten points each,

[10] Name this *a capella* group that won the third season of *The Sing-Off*. This group's release *That's Christmas to Me* was the most successful holiday album since 1962.

ANSWER: **Pentatonix** <Easy, 2/2>

[10] This group's compilation album *Ten* celebrates 10 years since they formed on *Popstars: The Rivals*. Xenomania produced most of this group's hits, like the surf rock-inspired "Sound of the Underground".

ANSWER: **Girls Aloud** <Hard, 0/2>

[10] This group had a whole TV show based around them called *Miami 7*, where they would introduce a new song in every episode. This group put out guilty pleasures like "Reach" and "Don't Stop Movin'".

ANSWER: **S Club 7** <Mid, 1/2>

18. In one song, this rapper talks about how he's "trippin' on mushrooms" and "a madman from the moon". For ten points each,

[10] Name this Estonian rapper featured in the remix of "xXXi_wud_nvrtstöp_ÜXXx" by 100 geecs. He also sings "I always think about you when I'm high, yeah, yeah" in the Charli XCX song "Delicious".

ANSWER: Tommy **Cash** <Hard, 2/2>

[10] "Delicious" is part of this Charli XCX mixtape, which was released the same year as *Number 1 Angel*. This mixtape contains songs like "Unlock It" and "Track 10".

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[10] Tommy Cash also appears on Charli XCX's "Click", but his part is replaced by this artist in the "No Boys" remix of that song. This artist worked with Ayesha Erotica on songs like "Dial Tone".

ANSWER: **Slayyyter** <Mid, 2/2>

This song is in the moombahton genre, which contains elements of both house music and reggaeton. For ten points each,

[10] Name this k-pop song that echoes "I love ya" during its mostly instrumental hook. This song from the EP *I Am* goes "every day, every night" before saying its title nonsense phrase.

ANSWER: **"LATATA"** <Hard, 1/2>

[10] "LATATA" is by (G)I-dle, who is perhaps most famous for their involvement in this virtual League of Legends supergroup. (G)I-dle's Miyeon sings the pre-chorus in this group's hit "POP/STARS".

ANSWER: **K/DA** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] (G)I-dle's second single from their EP *I Made* has this title. Another song by this name has a music video featuring a steamy love scene between its singers Camila Cabello and Shawn Mendes.

ANSWER: **"Senorita"** <Easy, 2/2>

20. For ten points each, answer the following about pop songs inspired by Jamaican musical styles.

[10] In this ska-influenced single from the album *Alright, Still*, the artist rides a bike and observes that while "everything seems nice", "you can see it's all lies". The artist of this song also wrote "The Fear".

ANSWER: **"LDN"** by Lily Allen <Hard, 0/2>

[10] Reggae is a heavy influence on this Poppy track, which talks about how the addressee is the "highlight of" the title concept. This is the first track on the EP *Bubblebath*.

ANSWER: **"Lowlife"** <Mid, 2/2>

[10] Another Jamaican style is the more club-oriented dancehall, which inspired songs by this Caribbean artist like "Pon de Replay". This artist took a break from music after releasing her 2016 album *ANTI*.

ANSWER: **Rihanna** <Easy, 2/2>