



Music Masters

Special Christmas Edition



What is a Christmas Number One?

- › In the United Kingdom, Christmas number ones are songs that are top of the UK Chart in the week in which Christmas Day falls. Funny songs, charity songs or songs with a Christmas theme have regularly been at the top of Christmas charts.
- › Traditionally the volume of record sales in the UK peaks at Christmas, with the Christmas number one being considered very special, more so than any other time of year. Many of the Christmas number ones were also the best-selling song of the year.

- › This week we are going to find out about some of the most popular Christmas songs and the people that performed them.
- › By the end of the week, you will vote as normal, but this time it will be for the prestigious

Palfrey Junior Christmas Number 1



Slade

- › Merry Xmas Everybody is a song sung by Walsall band Slade. It was written by the lead singer Noddy Holder and guitarist Jim Lea.
- › It was the Christmas number one in 1973 and it stayed in the charts for nine weeks, until February 1974!
- › It beat another great Christmas song (which we will hear later) to the top spot. It is released every year and has sold 1.5 million copies!





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0A8KT365wIA>

Wizzard



- › Remember that other great song that Slade beat to number one? Well, this is it, It is called I wish it could be Christmas Everyday.
- › It was sung by the Wolverhampton band Wizzard, and written by the band's lead singer Roy Wood.
- › Despite it's continuing popularity, it only reached number 4 in the charts, being outsold by Slade.
- › The question is, which one do you prefer? If you had been around in 1973, which record would you have bought with your pocket money?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5Z6sNCMvhc>

Elton John



- › I know you won't believe this but our next song is also from 1973! It must have been the Christmassy-est year ever!
- › It was written by the popular song writing duo of Elton John and Bernie Taupin, and performed by Elton.
- › He is known for his amazing costumes and enormous glasses. However, this didn't help him, because at the time it only reached number 24 in the charts.
- › When it was re-released in 2019 it did much better, getting to number eight.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbRtGMm96F8>

Elvis Presley



- › Thankfully, this is not another song from 1973! It was recorded by legendary rock and roll singer Elvis in 1957.
- › It was just one song from a whole Christmas album that the King recorded.
- › It is unusual for a Christmas song as it is about being lonely and sad instead of merry and jolly!
- › This is especially for Levi in Cl.7 who is his number one fan! See what you think.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VY0_c81iYnQ