

# Choosing Music For Your Wedding

When all is said and done, a DJ will play roughly 16 songs an hour of uninterrupted music. But of course there are "formalities" and "speeches" so out of a 6 hour reception there is only about 5 hours' worth of tunes

**That means about 80 songs in total will be played at a wedding reception!**

Now when a client hands us a list of 300+ songs and says we have to play EVERYTHING, we start trying to workout time-travel and blackhole physics as there is too much in too short amount of time. So in the interest of helping both the DJs and clients from choosing hundreds of songs, here is a list of what you may need:

## Formality Songs (Reception)-

### Songs that are important for your wedding reception

⊕ **Entrance Song**

*So when you and your bridal party enter the reception, are you wanting fun and upbeat, or calm and romantic?*

⊕ **Cake Cutting Song**

*It seems silly, but you don't want to cut your cake in silence, especially if you may have a videographer, so even though it is the least important song, you will need to pick one.*

⊕ **Bridal waltz (x2)**

*That's Right! You will need two songs. One for you, and one for everyone else. Even if you both aren't dancers, by the time "Auntie Jean" has dragged "Uncle George" onto the dance floor, the first song is finishing so it is best to have 2 slow songs, then bust out the party tunes!*

⊕ **Farewell Songs**

*Whether saying goodbye as a Circle (4 songs needed) and Archway (2 songs needed) or just a "Last Song" you will need to select some music for saying your goodbyes.*

## Formality Songs (Ceremony)-

### Songs that are important for your wedding Ceremony

⊕ **Walking Down The Aisle**

*A song that speaks to you and will make your groom shed a tear. A very important song*

⊕ **Signing of The Registry (x3)**

*You wouldn't think it, but it can take 10 minutes to sign the paperwork. While this is happening, have your guest listen to some music. Three songs are recommended.*

⊕ **Walk Back Up The Aisle (Processional)**

*You are now married! Congratulate yourselves with a celebratory song*

## Optional Formality Songs-

These are optional and if you don't want them we don't have to have them

### 🎵 Speech Stings

*If your group like to have a laugh, pick some stings of music as they come up for their speeches, whether it is 007, Bob the Builder, or that song which defines their character, get us to chuck it on and have a laugh.*

### 🎵 Father Daughter Dance

*Although not very common in Australia, sometimes it is nice to have a dance with your dad, so if you choose to have one, be sure to pick something special*

### 🎵 Throwing of the Bouquet

*If you have a game or just throw it, be sure you pick a fun song that will get the girl dancing.*

## Must Play Songs-

You should pick no more than 16 'Must Play' songs for your wedding. These are songs that no matter what happens the DJ will 100% play for you guys.

These are not including your Formality Songs (so formalities + 16 MP)

*Why only an hour of MP songs? Because if a DJ is to effectively read the crowd and react accordingly, we can't be too restricted as to how many songs we MUST play. Any songs that don't make it onto the MP list can always be put on the "Play If Possible List"*

## Play If Possible Songs-

Pick as many or as few as you would like, providing you understand that not every song will be played.

*We as DJs will make a solid attempt to get through as many PIP songs as we can but don't feel like you have to pick lots. Our job as DJs is also to read the crowd and ensure we understand what style you like and we can get this usually from the songs you have already chosen.*

## So NOT Play Songs-

These songs are possibly the most important we need to know. Any songs that you and your fiancé HATE, and songs that have bad memories (i.e. played at friend's funerals, reminds you of a previous marriage, etc).

*Keep in mind we are going to use our common sense (i.e. no death metal, no hardcore rap, no opera, etc) but if you can think of ANY songs, let us know!*

**Now you know WHAT song you need to pick, it's time to get some suggestions.**

**Below are some selections of suggested songs for each category. This is not the "Be All-End All List" but is meant to give you a starting point**

# Entrance Songs

<b>Calm</b>	<b>Crazy</b>
Songs that are nice and romantic to enter the reception to	Songs that are upbeat and invoke party status at your reception
Everything- <i>Michel Buble</i>	Marry You- <i>Bruno Mars</i>
Kiss Me- <i>Sixpence None The Richer</i>	We Will Rock You- <i>Queen</i>
Beautiful Day – <i>U2</i>	Everlasting Love- <i>U2</i>
With A Little Help From My Friends- <i>The Beatles</i>	Pump It- <i>Black Eyed Peas</i>
Viva La Vida- <i>Coldplay</i>	Into The Night- <i>Santana feat. Chad Croger</i>
L.O.V.E.- <i>Nat King Cole</i>	Livin On A Pray- <i>Bon Jovi</i>
Just The Way You Are- <i>Bruno Marz</i>	It's A Long Way To The Top- <i>AC/DC</i>
Bitter Sweet Symphony- <i>The Verve</i>	Forever- <i>Chris Brown</i>
Can't Help Falling In Love- <i>UB40</i>	Low- <i>Flo Rida</i>
Heaven- <i>Bryan Adams</i>	Let's Get Loud- <i>J-Lo</i>
Love and Marriage- <i>Frank Sinatra</i>	Jump Around- <i>House Of Pain</i>
I'm Yours- <i>Jason Mraz</i>	For those About To Rock (We Salute You)- <i>AC/DC</i>
Better Together- <i>Jack Johnson</i>	Can't Touch This- <i>MC Hammer</i>
Opportunity- <i>Peter Murray</i>	Don't Stop Till You Get Enough- <i>Michael Jackson</i>
Love Me Like The World Is Ending- <i>Ben Lee</i>	Put Your Hands Up For Detroit- <i>Freddie LeGrand</i>
Say A Little Prayer For You- <i>Diana King</i>	Hey Ya!- <i>Outkast</i>
Good Vibrations- <i>The Beach Boys</i>	Old Time Rock and Roll- <i>Bob Segar</i>
When I See You Smile- <i>Bad English</i>	Raise Your Glass- <i>Pink</i>
Dancing In The Storm- <i>Boom Crash Opera</i>	Are You Gonna Be My Girl- <i>Jet</i>
Amazing- <i>Alex Lloyd</i>	Crocodile Rock- <i>Elton John</i>
No Rain- <i>Blind Mellon</i>	Twist and Shout- <i>The Beatles</i>
Could You Be Loved- <i>Bob Marley</i>	Just Dance- <i>Lady GaGa</i>
Iris- <i>Goo Goo Dolls</i>	I'm Too Sexy- <i>Right Said Fred</i>
Dream Catch Me- <i>Newton Faulkner</i>	Yeah- <i>Usher</i>
Just The Way You Are- <i>Barry White</i>	One More Time- <i>Daft Punk</i>

# **Cake Cutting Songs**

**(That Are Cake Cutting Relating)**

**Any kind of song can go here but if you want to have a laugh, these songs will bring a smile to your guests**

***Sugar, Sugar- The Archies***

***Lollipop- The Chordettes***

***The Sweetest Thing- U2***

***Recipe for Making Love- Harry Connick, Jr***

***Sweet Like Chocolate- Shanks and Bigfoot***

***Cut The Cake- Average White Band***

***How Sweet It Is- James Taylor***

***Eat It- Weird Al Yankovic***

***Chocolate Cake- Crowded House***

***Slice of Heaven- Dave Dobyn***

***Brown Sugar- Rolling Stones***

***Candyman- Christina Aguilera***

***Ice Cream- Sarah McLachlan***

***Pour Some Sugar On Me- Def Leppard***

***Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of These)- The Eurhythmics***

***Sweet Sweet- Smashing Pumpkins***

***Yummy Yummy Yummy- Ohio Express***

***I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)- The Supremes***

***Cherry Pie- Warrant***

***Suga Suga- Baby Bash***

# Father Daughter Dance

Traditionally, Father Daughter Dances are an very American/Canadian thing and also tend to be country sounding. Australian's tend not to do them, however if you do, below are a list of songs that aren't country

*My Girl- Temptations*

*Daddy- Beyonce*

*Gracie- Ben Folds*

*I Turn To You- Christina Aguleara*

*Songbird- Eva Cassidy*

*Stand By Me- Ben E. King*

*Sweet Child Of Mine- Guns and Roses*

*Over The Rainbow/What A Wonderful World- IZ*

*Changes- Taylor Swift*

*Daughters- John Mayer*

*What a Wonderful World - Louie Armstrong*

*Wonderful Tonight – Michael Buble*

*You Are The Sunshine Of My Life- Steve Wonder*

*How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)- James Taylor*

# Farewell Songs

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Slow</b></p> <p>Winding down the night, if you want your guest to gently sway as you say goodbye, these songs will do great</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upbeat</b></p> <p>If you want to leave your guests wanting more and singing along as they leave the reception, pick one of these great leaving songs</p>
<p>Closing Time- <i>Semisonic</i></p> <p>Come Away With Me-<i>Norah Jones</i></p> <p>Don't Wanna Miss A Thing- <i>Aerosmith</i></p> <p>I've Had The Time Of My Life- <i>Bill Medley &amp; Jennifer Warnes</i></p> <p>My Happiness- <i>Powderfinger</i></p> <p>You're My Best Friend-<i>Queen</i></p> <p>Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)- <i>GreenDay</i></p> <p>Over the Rainbow/What A Wonderful World- <i>IZ</i></p> <p>You'll Never Walk Alone- <i>Jerry and the Pacemakers</i></p> <p>Just The Way You Are- <i>Bruno Mars</i></p> <p>Love Me Like The World Is Ending- <i>Ben Lee</i></p> <p>Lay Your Love On Me- <i>Roachford</i></p> <p>Wish You Well- <i>Bernard Fanning</i></p> <p>Throw Your Arms Around Me- <i>Hunters and Collectors</i></p> <p>New York, New York- <i>Frank Sinatra</i></p> <p>Hey There Delilah- <i>Plain White T's</i></p> <p>Sweet Caroline- <i>Neil Diamond</i></p> <p>Oh What A Night (1963)- <i>Fankie Valli and the Four Seasons</i></p> <p>Today Was A Fairytale- <i>Taylor Swift</i></p> <p>River of Dreams- <i>Billy Joel</i></p>	<p>I'll Be There For You – (Friends Theme)-<i>The Rembrandts</i></p> <p>Its The End Of The World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)- <i>REM</i></p> <p>I'm On My Way- <i>The Proclaimers</i></p> <p>Life is A Highway- <i>Joe Crocker</i></p> <p>Don't Stop Me Now- <i>Queen</i></p> <p>We Got To Get Out Of This Place- <i>The Animals</i></p> <p>Highway To Hell- <i>AC/DC</i></p> <p>Beat It- <i>Michael Jackson</i></p> <p>The Bad Touch- <i>The Bloodhound Gang</i></p> <p>Stay The Night- <i>James Blunt</i></p> <p>Forget You- <i>Cee Lo Greene</i></p> <p>Love Generation- <i>Bob Sinclair</i></p> <p>Hit The Road Jack- <i>Ray Charles</i></p> <p>Bye, Bye, Bye- <i>N*SYNC</i></p> <p>Oi-Li-Di-Oh-La-Da- <i>Beatles</i></p> <p>All Night Long- <i>Lionel Richie</i></p> <p>Into The Night- <i>Santana feat. Chad Crouger</i></p> <p>Have A Nice Day- <i>Bon Jovi</i></p> <p>American Pie- <i>Don McClain</i></p> <p>Save Tonight- <i>Eagle Eyed Cherry</i></p>

# Stings for Speeches

Below a few songs based on occupations, interests and personality traits. Naturally I can't list EVERY job or EVERY personality and interest, but hopefully this is a good starting point for you

## Occupations:

**Airforce-** *Highway To The Dangerzone*- Kenny loggins

**Army- Soldier-** *Destiny's Child*

**Childcare-** *Playschool Theme*

**Construction-** *Bob The Builder*

**Cook/Chief-** *Girls Just Wanna Have Lunch*- Weird Al Yankervich

**Doctor-** *A Bad Case of Loving ou*- Robert Palmer

**Electrician-** *Danger Danger! High Voltage* – Electric Six

**Firefighter-** *Hot In Here*- Nelly

**Lawyer-** *Bad Boys*- Inner Circle

**Miner/ labourer,-** *Working Class Man*- Jimmy Barnes

**Model-** *Girls on Film*- Duran Duran

**Navy-** *In The Navy*- Village People

**Photographer-** *Flash, Bang, Wallop*- Tommy Steele

**Police Officer-** *I Shot the Sheriff*- Bob Marley

**Student-** *Teenage Dirtbag*- Wheatus

**Teacher-** *Teacher Teacher*- Rockpile

**Train Driver-** *Thomas The Tank Engine*

**Truck Driver-** *Convoy*- C.W. McCall

**Vet-** *All Creatures Great And Small*-

## Interests:

**Sleeping-** *Lazy Song*- Bruno Mars

**Fishing-** *The Fishing Song*

**Eating-** *Just Eat It*- Weird Al Yankervich

**Sex-** *I just had sex*- Akon and The Lonely Island

**Reading/Writing-** *Paperback writer*- The Beatles

**Football-** *Favorite Team/Rival Team*

## Personality Traits:

**Hippy-** *Could You Be Loved*- Bob Marley

**Insane-** *Crazy*- Gnarl Barkley

**Sexy-** *SexyBack*- Justin Timberlake

**Naughty-** *Dirrty*- Christina Agularea

**Country-** *Cotton Eye Joe*- Rednex

**Funny-** *Circus Theme Music*

**Powerful-** *Godfather Theme*

**Superhero-** *Batman Theme*

**Nerd-** *Doctor Who theme / Star Trek theme*

**Silly-** *Barbie Girl*- Aqua

# Throwing the Bouquet Songs

If you want something fun to get the girls up, below are a list of some you may not have thought about:

*Single Ladies- Beyonce*

*Girls Just Wanna Have Fun- Cindi Lauper*

*It's Raining Men- Weather Girls*

*Like A Virgin- Madonna*

*You Can't Hurry Love- Phil Collins*

*Bootylicious- Destiny's Child*

*Dirrty- Christina Aguilera*

*Lady Marmalade- Pink, Mia, Lil Kim, Christina Aguilera*

*Please Don't Stop The Music- Rhianna*

*Pretty Woman- Roy Orbison*

*Catch My Disease- Ben Lee*

*Respect- Aretha Franklin*

*Who Dat Girl- Flo Rida and Akon*

*Uptown Girl- Billy Joel*

*Wannabe- Spice Girls*

*Sexy Chicks- David Guetta and Akon*

*Whatta Man- Salt N Pepper*

*Candyman- Christina Aguilera*

*Wild Thing- Tone Loc*

*Dirty Talk- Wynter Gordon*

*When Love Takes Over- Kelly Rowland and David Guetta*

*Put Your Hands Up For Detroit- Freddie Le Grand*

*Jump Around- House of Pain*

*Give Me A Man After Midnight- ABBA*



# Walking Down The Aisle Songs

The first official song both you and your partner are going to hear is the song you walk down the aisle to. Next to your bridal waltz, this is the most important song of your entire wedding and deserves a little bit of thought.

You have two options- do you want to walk down to instrumental or to a song with lyrics?

There are so many versions of well known songs done on guitar, as an instrumental, on piano or on strings...so once you decide, it is simply a matter of finding the version you like the best.

Below are a selection of songs that are more modern and which beautiful 'instrumental' versions can be found:

*1000 years- Christina Perri*

*Sweet Child Of Mine- Guns and Roses*

*Stand By Me- Ben E. King*

*Clocks- Coldplay*

*Is This Love- Bob Marley*

*Better Together- Jack Johnson*

*I'd Rather Be With You- Joshua Radin*

*Fireflies- Owl City*

*Every Time We Touch (Candlelight Version)- Cascada*

*Amazed- Boyz II Men*

*If I Aint Got You You- Alicia Keys*

*Faraway- Nickelback*

*1,2,3,4- Plain White T's*

## Signing Of The Registry Songs

So you have said your vows, kissed the bride, and are now...ALMOST married!

That's right, before you can get the party started you need to sign the paperwork! The signing of the registry can take anywhere from 5-10 minutes so it is a good idea to have something playing to entertain your guests while they wait for you.

It is strongly recommended you pick 3 songs! You may only need 2 but better to have too many than not enough.

Below are a suggestion of nice songs that will keep your guests entertained, but remember you can pick ANYTHING to go here

*Dream Catch Me- Newton Falkner*

*River of Dreams- Billy Joel*

*Signed Sealed Delivered- Steve Wonder*

*You Can Have Whatever You Like- T.I.*

*We Are All In This Together- Ben Lee*

*This Old Love- Lior*

*Better Together- Jack Johnson*

*Forever- Ben Harper*

*Everything- Michael Buble*

*You Make Me Happy- Josh Pyke*

*Dancing in the Storm- Boom Crash Opera*

*Save Tonight- Eagle Eyed Cherry*

*Just the Way You Are- Bruno Mars*

*I'm Yours- Jason Mraz*

*Lay Your Love on Me- Roachford*

*Over The Rainbow/What A Wonderful World- IZ*

*Build Me Up Buttercup- The Foundations*

*Here Comes the Sun- Beatles*

*Photograph- Nickelback*

*Rainbow Connection- Kermit The Frog*

# **Walking Back Up The Aisle Songs (Processional)**

The final song you will need is the song to celebrate you are officially married. Usually it is an upbeat song so here are some suggestions

**Everybody Needs Somebody To Love- *Blues Brothers***

**Hey Ya!- *OutKast***

**You're My Best Friend- *Queen***

**You Can't Hurry Love-*Phil Collins***

**Build Me Up Buttercup- *The Foundations***

**Marry You- *Bruno Mars***

**Are You Gonna Be My Girl- *JET***

**Because I'm Awesome- *The Dollyrots***

**Love Generation- *Bob Sinclair***

**Uptown Girl- *Billy Joel***

**Life Is A Highway- *Rascal Flats***

**Better- *The Screaming Jets***

**Rockin Robin- *Michael Jackson***

**Wild Thing- *Tone Loc***

**Addicted To Love- *Robert Palmer***

**Oh Pretty Woman- *Roy Orbison***

**Burn Your Name- *Powderfinger***

**Sweet Child Of Mine- *Guns N Roses***

**Happy Together- *The Turtles***

**Could You Be Loved- *Bob Marley***

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