

# Solution to A Heartbreaking Work of Lyrical Genius

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First, find the artist, title, and release year of every song (in bold below):

1. I'll share / This loney view... / Scar tissue that **I** wish...  
**Red Hot Chili Peppers – Scar Tissue – 1999**
2. I **was** playin' in the beginnin', the mood all changed...  
**Eminem – Lose Yourself – 2002**
3. it's been **a** sweet love / Though this feeling I...  
**Lynrd Skynyrd – Free Bird – 1973**
4. crippled **member** / Get away when I sat down in the...  
**Erick Sermon – React – 2002**
5. waiting to begin / Any type **of** love it will be...  
**Angels and Airwaves – The Adventure – 2006**
6. the stars are shining brightly in **the** velvet sky / I'll...  
**Savage Garden – Truly Madly Deeply – 1997**
7. watch the **police** come by and move you on / Well...  
**Elton John – Dirty Little Girl – 1973**
8. At all of the lights **and** sounds / Let them bring...  
**Yellowcard – Lights and Sounds – 2006**
9. the streets and all the trees are too / **I** have...  
**Eiffel 65 – Blue – 1999**
10. we **wrote** / About a girl you used to know / I'm...  
**Avril Lavigne – Sk8er Boi – 2002**
11. **And** you are not me / The lengths that I will...  
**R.E.M. – Losing My Religion – 1991**
12. signed by the saints who **sang** this song / "We're going...  
**Modest Mouse – Beach Side Property – 1996**
13. outta orbit / Livin' large for **the** moment / Life is short...  
**Over It – Like Satellites – 2006**
14. In Jesus Christ / **Hit** by a car / Ended up / On...  
**Depeche Mode – Blasphemous Rumours – 1984**
15. every **song** / Don't call my name out your window, I'm...  
**Taking Back Sunday – Head Club – 2002**
16. I could be. / I'd ride the **desert** sands and through...  
**Electric Light Orchestra – Wild West Hero – 1977**
17. in the **rose** / The seeded land slow and old / The...  
**New Model Army – Living in the Rose – 1993**

Read the first character of the artist names (in blue): **RELEASE YEAR MOD TEN**

Take the release year modulo 10 (the remainder of the year divided by 10, or the least-significant digit of the year), and use it to index into the lyrics to fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page, as shown above in orange. This reads: **I was a member of The Police and I wrote and sang the hit song Desert Rose.**

The singer/songwriter described is the final answer, **STING**