

# MUSIC



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## HEAR THIS Grammy schmammy

There's a phrase, "finger on the pulse," used in pop culture to describe how or when a person or organization, simply put, *gets it*. The Recording Academy? The squeaky clean, play-it-safe group that selects the annual **Grammy Awards**? Not so much. Street writers **Kyle Proehl** and **Nina Garin** try to make sense of this stuff by watching the **Best Record** and **Best Song** nominees' vids on YouTube.



### James Blunt, "You're Beautiful" (Record/Song)

**Kyle:** Blunt. Beautiful.

**Nina:** Wait. Is this video a parody? Why is James Blunt's hair all wet?

**Kyle:** It's wet from his tears. Right?

**Nina:** And those tears are coming from how beautiful we all are. This is probably the sappiest song ever nominated for a Grammy.

**Kyle:** Time to face the truth: He and Jared Leto should date.

**Nina:** I don't even know how to respond to that. You know this song is going to stick in your head for the next two days, so that's got to count for something, I guess.

### Mary J. Blige, "Be Without You" (Record/Song)

**Nina:** OK, so I like Mary J. Blige. I think she has a smoky voice. And good hair in this video.

**Kyle:** She is the Queen of Hop N B. Or something like that.

**Nina:** Did you make up that expression? I'm not annoyed by this song. It's more genuine than James Blunt. Let's give her the Grammy.

**Kyle:** It's no "Real Love," but it's all right.

### Dixie Chicks, "Not Ready to Make Nice" (Record/Song)

**Kyle:** The night they drove ol' Dixie all serious.

**Nina:** Why do the Dixies have to be so mad

all the time? This video is disturbing. Why are they going insane? The president really did a number on them.

**Kyle:** Did you see that movie? Can you tell it's Chad Smith on drums? Doesn't he look like Will Ferrell? (Doesn't everyone think that already?)

### Gnarls Barkley, "Crazy" (Record)

**Nina:** Don't act like you didn't like this song last summer.

**Kyle:** It's not bad. But the day some chick drove by singing it as loud as she could at me, I pretty much hated it.

**Nina:** We're such cliches of ourselves, hating something because it gets popular. But this song even gets played on soft-rock stations.

**Kyle:** I really just don't wanna hear it anymore.

### Corinne Bailey Rae, "Put Your Records On" (Record/Song)

**Nina:** Remember when Nelly Furtado sounded like this? She definitely gets an award for being

cute. This entire video is so cute I want to jump in and ride bikes and be her best friend.

**Kyle:** I am like a bird, I love to bike away. No men were involved in the shooting of this video.

**Nina:** This song just makes me mad at Nelly Furtado's new image.

**Kyle:** Corinne Bailey Rae is the new, British India dot Arie.

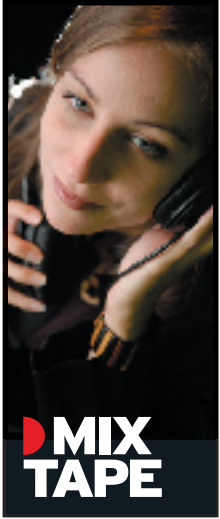
### Carrie Underwood (above), "Jesus, Take the Wheel" (Song)

**Nina:** Is this the "American Idol" girl? Did she even win?

**Kyle:** Yes. And I think so. I can't keep track anymore.

**Nina:** This song is disturbing on so many levels. And her baby blue eye shadow isn't even part of it.

**Kyle:** [Ed.: We have removed Kyle's response due to matters of taste. All we can say is it had something to do with Ted Haggard and a road trip, and that it was blisteringly funny.]



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4. "Scorch," Macromantics
5. "Dysfunctional," Honeycut
6. "Welcome to the Show," Pigeon John
7. "Collarbone," Fujiya & Miyagi
8. "Wet and Rusting," Menomena
9. "Psychic Swelling," The Octopus Project + Black Moth Super Rainbow
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5. "Philadelphia Freedom," Elton John
6. "Ride This Train," Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley
7. "Shoplifters Unite," The Smiths (Irony, anyone?)
8. "Who We Are," Woodwork
9. "Where Is My Mind," Pixies
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