

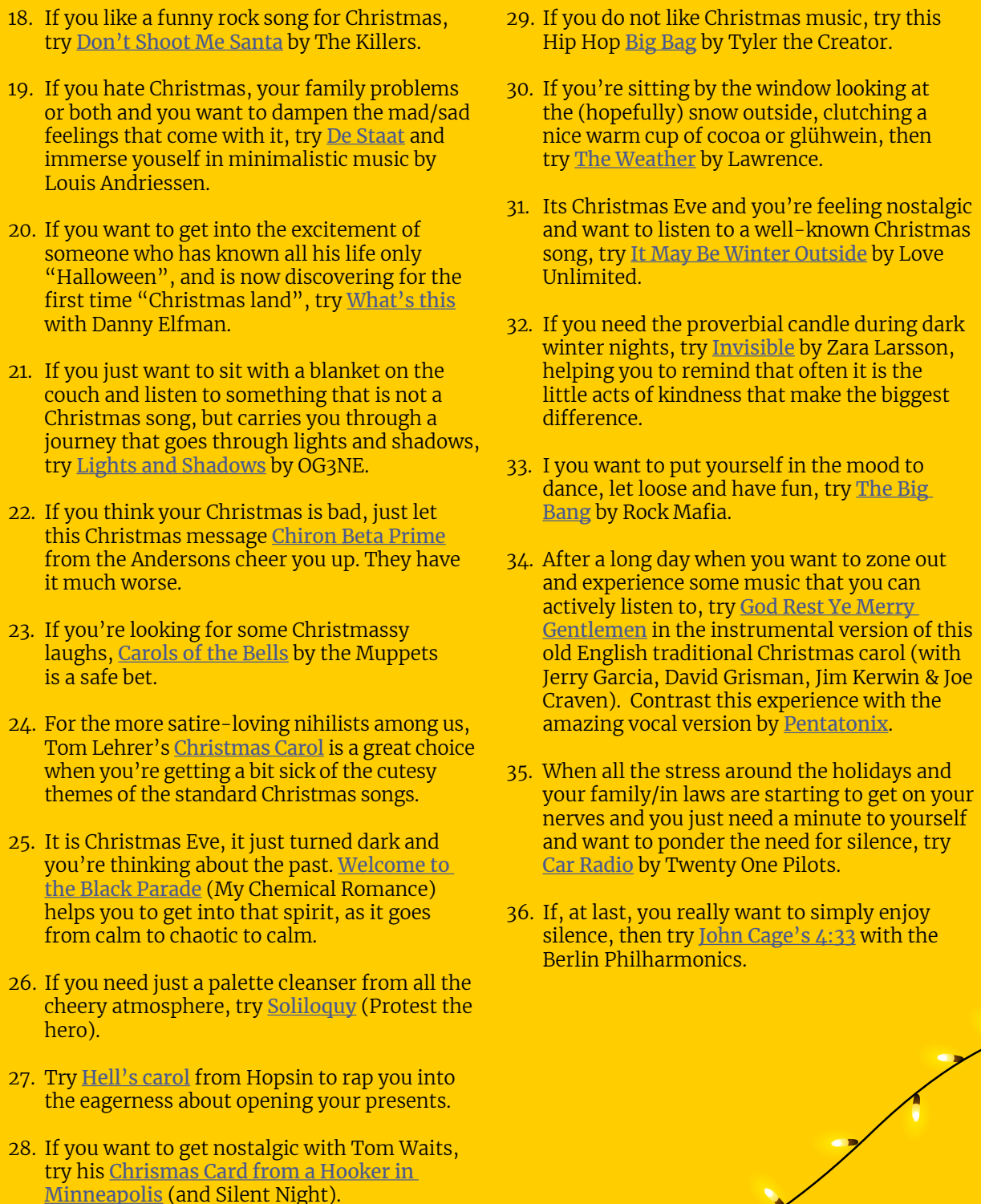
The Alternative December Playlist 2021

Or 36 musical variations for dealing with the holiday in your personal way

Special delivery to you from the participants of the Game and Media Technology master course “Sound and Music Technology”, Department of Information and Computing Sciences (lecturer: Dr. Anja Volk).

1. If you are preparing a Christmas dinner with a close friend/parent/girlfriend/sibling, try [Just the Two of Us](#) by Grover Washington Jr.
2. If you need a break from the small talk or arguments with family members you don't particularly get on with, try [Uncomfortable Christmas](#) by CMAT & Junior Brother.
3. If you need a very fun and cheerful song without the standard Christmas caroling vibe, try [Holly Jolly Christmas](#) by Michael Buble.
4. If you are feeling overwhelmed at New Year's with the world around you falling apart, try Froukje's [Groter Dank Ik](#).
5. If you want to chill out at the end of the day to a different take on a well-known winter song, try [Let It Snow](#) by Filous.
6. When it's cold and dark outside and you just want to sit inside with a blanket wrapped around you, put on a candle or a small light and enjoy the instrumental song [Licht](#) by Hiroyuki Sawano.
7. If you are spending Christmas alone, away from your loved ones, try [She Even Woke Me Up to Say Goodbye](#) by Mickey Newbury.
8. If you want some Japanese Rock Christmas Vibe rocking you into the Christmas mood, try [クリスマスソング](#) by Backnumber.
9. When you're taking a walk outside on a winter day, just after it has snowed, and the ground is covered in white, we recommend [The Fairytale of New York](#) by The Pogues with some Irish Vibe.
10. Whatever your situation might be, [Somewhere Only We Know](#) by Lily Allen will give you a warm feeling.
11. When you feel lonely during these dark times or taking a walk in the dark, try [My December](#) by Linkin Park.
12. When you're missing home or simply missing the sun, try the popular Maltese song [Xemx](#), performed by The Tramps, a love song where a lover is compared to the sun.
13. If in the evening, before you go to bed, you need to hear something beautiful, soothing and moving, try [Aniron](#) by Enya.
14. If you are homesick, or want to be somewhere else, try [River](#) by Katie Melua.
15. If you want a summer Christmas Vibe from Curacao and Aruba, try [Papa Noel](#) by Janiro, Basic One.
16. If you want to dive into the message of peace on earth at Christmas, try the [Iraqi Peace Song](#) by Lori Tennenhouse, combining Arabic and English verses into a solemn lullaby.
17. If you want to feel Christmassy but are tired of the usual songs, try [Jingle Bells](#) by Pastor T.L. Barrett and the Youth for Christ Choir.



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18. If you like a funny rock song for Christmas, try [Don't Shoot Me Santa](#) by The Killers.
 19. If you hate Christmas, your family problems or both and you want to dampen the mad/sad feelings that come with it, try [De Staat](#) and immerse yourself in minimalistic music by Louis Andriessen.
 20. If you want to get into the excitement of someone who has known all his life only "Halloween", and is now discovering for the first time "Christmas land", try [What's this](#) with Danny Elfman.
 21. If you just want to sit with a blanket on the couch and listen to something that is not a Christmas song, but carries you through a journey that goes through lights and shadows, try [Lights and Shadows](#) by OG3NE.
 22. If you think your Christmas is bad, just let this Christmas message [Chiron Beta Prime](#) from the Andersons cheer you up. They have it much worse.
 23. If you're looking for some Christmassy laughs, [Carols of the Bells](#) by the Muppets is a safe bet.
 24. For the more satire-loving nihilists among us, Tom Lehrer's [Christmas Carol](#) is a great choice when you're getting a bit sick of the cutesy themes of the standard Christmas songs.
 25. It is Christmas Eve, it just turned dark and you're thinking about the past. [Welcome to the Black Parade](#) (My Chemical Romance) helps you to get into that spirit, as it goes from calm to chaotic to calm.
 26. If you need just a palette cleanser from all the cheery atmosphere, try [Soliloquy](#) (Protest the hero).
 27. Try [Hell's carol](#) from Hopsin to rap you into the eagerness about opening your presents.
 28. If you want to get nostalgic with Tom Waits, try his [Christmas Card from a Hooker in Minneapolis](#) (and Silent Night).
 29. If you do not like Christmas music, try this Hip Hop [Big Bag](#) by Tyler the Creator.
 30. If you're sitting by the window looking at the (hopefully) snow outside, clutching a nice warm cup of cocoa or glühwein, then try [The Weather](#) by Lawrence.
 31. Its Christmas Eve and you're feeling nostalgic and want to listen to a well-known Christmas song, try [It May Be Winter Outside](#) by Love Unlimited.
 32. If you need the proverbial candle during dark winter nights, try [Invisible](#) by Zara Larsson, helping you to remind that often it is the little acts of kindness that make the biggest difference.
 33. If you want to put yourself in the mood to dance, let loose and have fun, try [The Big Bang](#) by Rock Mafia.
 34. After a long day when you want to zone out and experience some music that you can actively listen to, try [God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen](#) in the instrumental version of this old English traditional Christmas carol (with Jerry Garcia, David Grisman, Jim Kerwin & Joe Craven). Contrast this experience with the amazing vocal version by [Pentatonix](#).
 35. When all the stress around the holidays and your family/in laws are starting to get on your nerves and you just need a minute to yourself and want to ponder the need for silence, try [Car Radio](#) by Twenty One Pilots.
 36. If, at last, you really want to simply enjoy silence, then try [John Cage's 4:33](#) with the Berlin Philharmonics.

