

## Give the gift of an offbeat love song

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Pop culture is in love with love. We are faced with it all day, with Adele and Taylor Swift on the radio and giant Valentine's Day teddy bears falling into the aisles at Wal-Mart. T-Swift isn't the only one writing love songs, though.

A Super Bowl ad has helped to resurrect a quirky, but undeniably catchy, song: "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness. Thank you, [Samsung](#).

An Elvis-esque jumpsuit and spaced out falsetto sent the British rockers to the top of the charts in the early 2000s. But "A Thing Called Love" is just one of many offbeat love songs. Here are a few others:

- At one point in Ludo's 2008 single "[Love Me Dead](#)," the man accuses his muse of being the antichrist, "born of a jackal." Switching between insults and compliments, he follows with, "you're beautiful." A little codependent, perhaps?

- Most of us have taken Gen. Psych and heard a little about neurotransmitters. Listen to Youtube sensation Charlie McDonnell's ukulele tune "[Chemical Love](#)" to learn more about the driving force behind your crush on that guy in the third row - dopamine.

- Do you have a friend who will completely change for another person? Maybe they came to college and suddenly turned into a go-green-obsessed vegan? The Bastard Fairies' 2007 song "[Whatever](#)" is for that friend.

- In 2009, Shia LaBeouf directed the music video for Cage's "[I Never Knew You](#)." "Your heart is beating solely for me," might be a romantic line out of context. This rap song, however, is a story told through the eyes of a serial killer.

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- The film "Juno" introduced a whole new audience to singer/songwriter Kimya Dawson. The quirky love song she wrote as one half of The Moldy Peaches in 2001, "Anyone Else but You," is sung by Michael Cera and Ellen Page [at the end of the movie](#) .

Feel free to share any quirky love songs you can think of!