# THERE IS NO END TO LOVE

### FREQUENCY OF THE WORD LOVE THROUGHOUT U2'S DISCOGRAPHY, 1980–2017

### **ABOUT THE STUDY**

As love is a common theme in U2's lyrics, Scott Calhoun began the U2 Love Lyrics Project to better understand the theme's value to U2 and its messaging on this theme. This study of the word "love" in the U2 songbook examines 14 commercially released albums, representing 13 studio albums and the live album Rattle And Hum.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

This study used deluxe releases of 14 albums, totaling 169 songs. Lyrics were verified on U2.com. Repeated words in songs are counted as emphatic devices. The "Highest Frequency of Love" report studied 10 additional songs that also had a high frequency of "love." Future studies will examine the meanings of "love" and lyrics from live performances.

## Number of times "love" is in lyrics on each album less often **OCTOBER** / 1982 appears 2 times in lyrics • variants of the word appears in 0 song titles 1

**BOY** / 1980 appears 2 times in lyrics • variants of the word appears in 0 song titles appears 22 times in lyrics

1 variant of the word

appears in 0 song titles

← Number of "love" variants in album lyrics

← No "love" variants; no song titles with "love"

← Number of song titles with "love"

more often THE UNFORGETTABLE FIRE / 1984 appears 20 times in lyrics variants of the word appears in 1 song title

THE JOSHUA TREE / 1987 appears 19 times in lyrics • variants of the word appears in 0 song titles

appears 87 times in lyrics 1 variant of the word appears in 3 song titles

**ACHTUNG BABY / 1991** 

1 variant of the word

appears in 1 song title

appears 58 times in lyrics

RATTLE AND HUM / 1989

**ZOOROPA** / 1993 appears 6 times in lyrics 2 variants of the word appears in 0 song titles

\*COUNT USES ALBUM SONGS

PLUS 10 ADDITIONAL SONGS

**POP** / 1997 appears 26 times in lyrics 4 variants of the word appears in 1 song title

**ALL THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND** / 2000

appears 9 times in lyrics • variants of the word appears in 0 song titles

**HOW TO DISMANTLE AN ATOMIC BOMB / 2004** 

appears 31 times in lyrics 2 variants of the word appears in 1 song title

**NO LINE ON THE HORIZON / 2009** 

appears 61 times in lyrics 2 variants of the word appears in 0 song titles



**SONGS OF INNOCENCE / 2015** 

appears 14 times in lyrics 1 variant of the word appears in 1 song title

### **U2 SONGS WITH THE HIGHEST FREQUENCY OF LOVE**

OUT OF 179 SONGS IN THIS STUDY\*. LOVE IS FOUND AT LEAST 10 TIMES IN 18 SONGS

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ THE THREE SUNRISES WHEN LOVE COMES TO TOWN **CALIFORNIA** (THERE IS NO END TO LOVE) PRIDE (IN THE NAME OF LOVE) DO YOU FEEL LOVED LUMINOUS TIMES (HOLD ON TO LOVE) LOVE AND PEACE OR ELSE The second of th **U2's** LOVE IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT ~~~~~~~~~~~~ WINDOW IN THE SKIES **LOVE IS BIGGER THAN** SO CRUEL ANYTHING IN ITS WAY **♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥** HALLELUJAH (HERE SHE COMES) **LOVE IS BLINDNESS** ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ GOD PART II **LOVE APPEARS LOVE RESCUE ME ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥** LOVE AND PEACE OR ELSE 12 TIMES IN SONG TITLES ON **ORDINARY LOVE** MAGNIFICENT LOVE IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT PRIDE (IN THE NAME 14 ALBUMS OF LOVE)\*\* LOVE IS BLINDNESS SUMMER OF LOVE TED LIGHT WHEN LOVE COMES TO TOWN **♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥** SUMMER OF LOVE

# APPEARS IN LYRICS

### OTHER FREQUENT **WORDS IN LYRICS**

×93 ×87 ×78

×39

### **VARIANTS OF LOVE BY ALBUM**

NLOTH × 3

 $SOI \times 1$ 

VARIANTS OF THE WORD **LOVE** APPEAR

**LOVESICK** × 1

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32 TIMES IN LYRICS ON 8 OF 14 ALBUMS

BOY ONLY 'LOVE' **OCTOBER** ONLY 'LOVE' WAR  $\times 1$ LOVERS (1) TUF **ONLY 'LOVE'** TJT ONLY 'LOVE' R&H ×4 LOVER (4) ACHTUNG × 1 LOVER (1) ZOOROPA × 4 LOVER (2), LOVELY (2) LOVED (11), LOVERS (2), **POP** × 16 **LOVEY (2), LOVER (1) ATYCLB ONLY 'LOVE'** HTDAAB LOVER (1), LOVELY (1)

LOVES (2), LOVESICK (1)

LOVER (1)

ONLY 'LOVE'

### **VARIANTS OF LOVE IN LYRICS**

THERE ARE 8 VARIANTS OF THE WORD **LOVE** IN LYRICS ON ALL 14 ALBUMS

LOVED × 11

**%×11** DO YOU FEEL LOVED

**LOVER** × 10

**%×3** HELTER SKELTER

**%×2** THE FIRST TIME

**%**×1 DESIRE

**\*\*\*** EVEN BETTER THAN THE REAL THING

**%×1** LOVE AND PEACE OR ELSE

 **1** SLEEP LIKE A BABY TONIGHT

**LOVELY** × 3

**%×2** BABYFACE

**≫×1** LOVE AND PEACE OR ELSE

LOVERS × 3

**%**×2 PLEASE

**%×1** SURRENDER

LOVES × 2

**%×1** GET ON YOUR BOOTS

 **1 I'LL GO CRAZY IF I DON'T** 

**LOVEY** × 2

**%×2** DISCOTHEQUE

**LOVING** × 1

**₩×2** ELVIS PRESLEY AND AMERICA

**%×2** STAND UP COMEDY