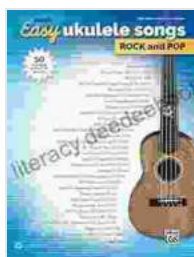


# 50 Hits From Across the Decades



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Music has the power to transport us through time, evoking memories and connecting us with different eras. Certain songs become so deeply ingrained in our collective consciousness that they transcend their time and become timeless classics. Here, we present a journey through 50 iconic hits that have left an indelible mark on popular music across the decades.

## 1950s:

1. "Hound Dog" - Elvis Presley



Elvis Presley's signature song defined the era of rock 'n' roll, with its infectious rhythm and suggestive lyrics.

2. **"Great Balls of Fire" - Jerry Lee Lewis**



Lewis's energetic piano-driven tune embodies the rebellious spirit of the decade, earning it a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

### 3. "Unchained Melody" - The Righteous Brothers



A timeless love ballad that has been covered countless times, "Unchained Melody" became an instant classic upon its release.

**1960s:**

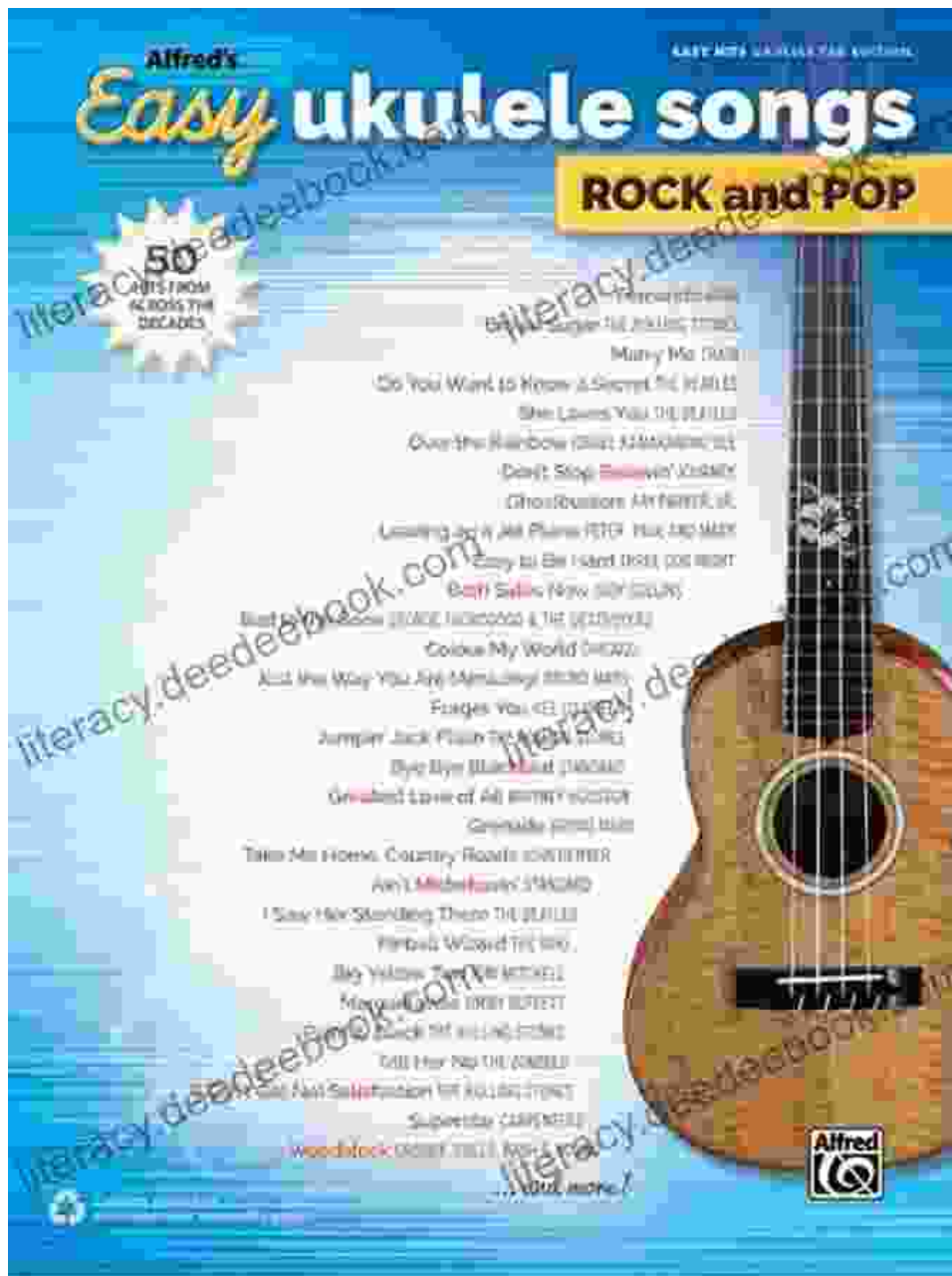
1. "Like a Rolling Stone" - Bob Dylan



Dylan's epic protest anthem became a defining moment in folk rock, challenging conventions and inspiring countless artists.

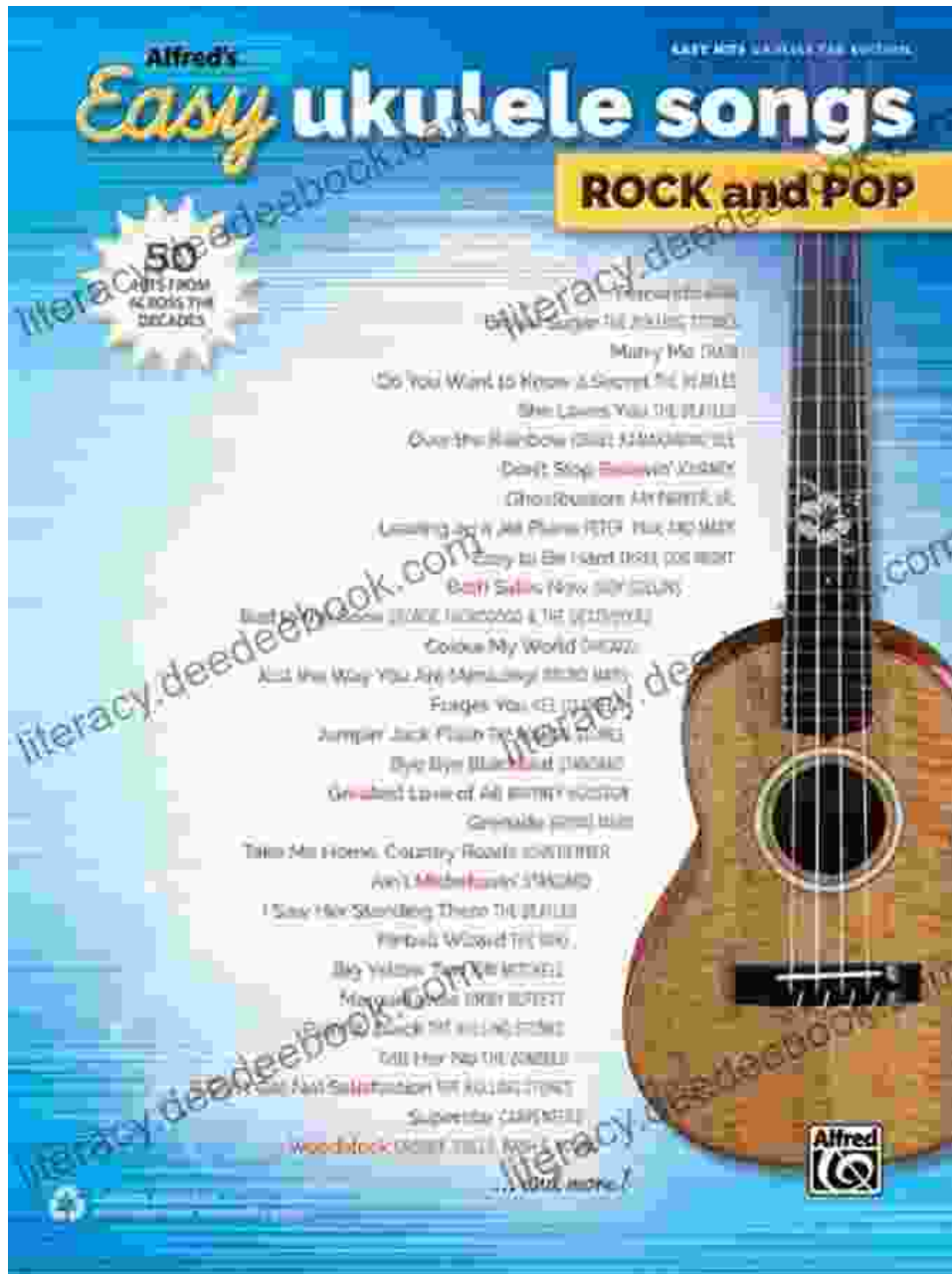


## 2. "Respect" - Aretha Franklin



Franklin's powerful rendition of Otis Redding's song became an anthem for the civil rights movement and a feminist icon.

### 3. "Strawberry Fields Forever" - The Beatles



The Beatles' psychedelic masterpiece showcased their experimental side and remains one of their most beloved songs.

1970s:

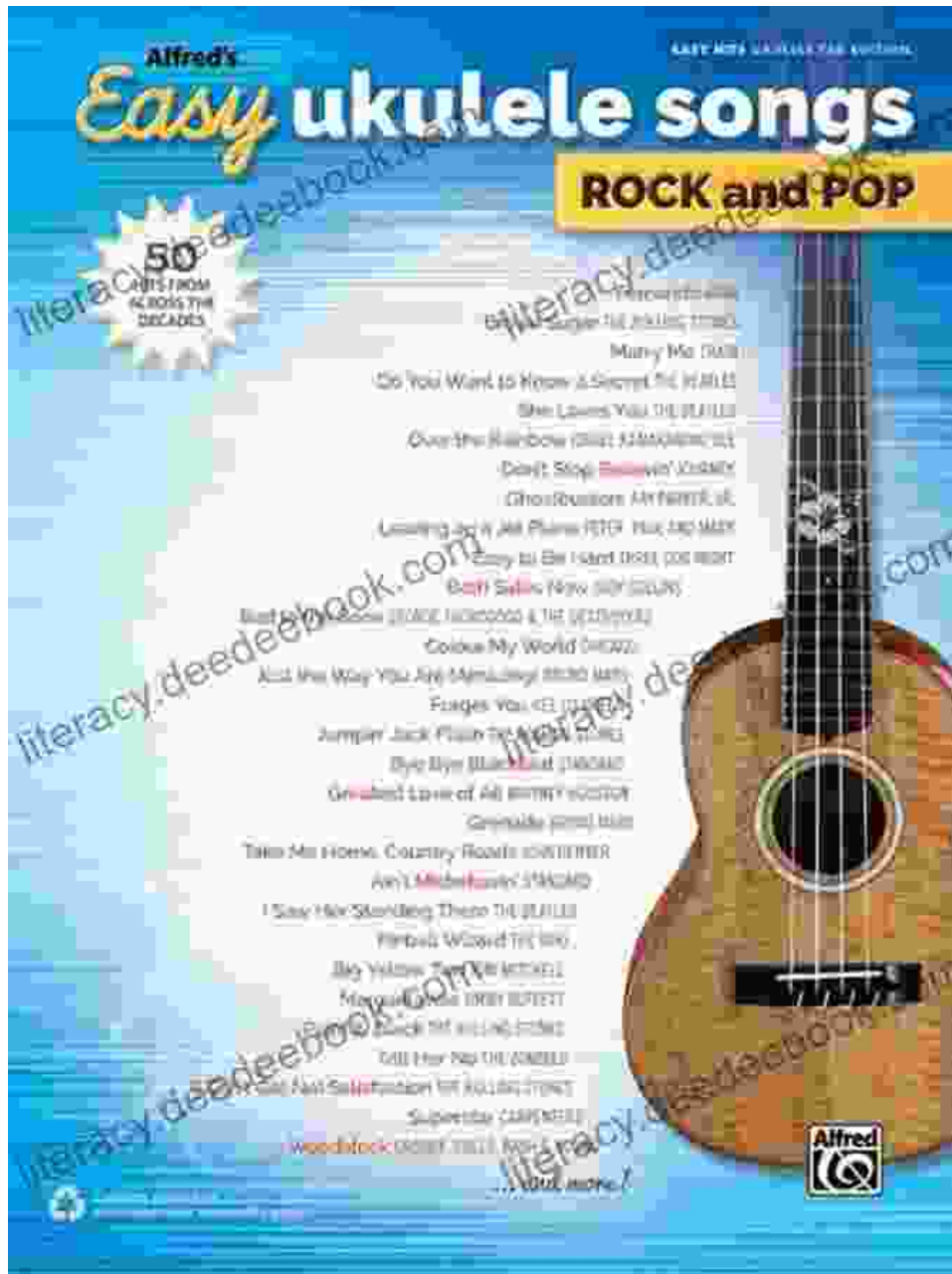
1. "Bohemian Rhapsody" - Queen



Queen's operatic rock opus is a testament to Freddie Mercury's creative genius and one of the most iconic songs of all time.



## 2. "Hotel California" - The Eagles



The Eagles' haunting tale of a mysterious hotel has become a staple of classic rock radio.

### 3. "Bridge Over Troubled Water" - Simon & Garfunkel



Simon & Garfunkel's poignant ballad offers comfort and hope in times of adversity.

**1980s:**

1. "Thriller" - Michael Jackson



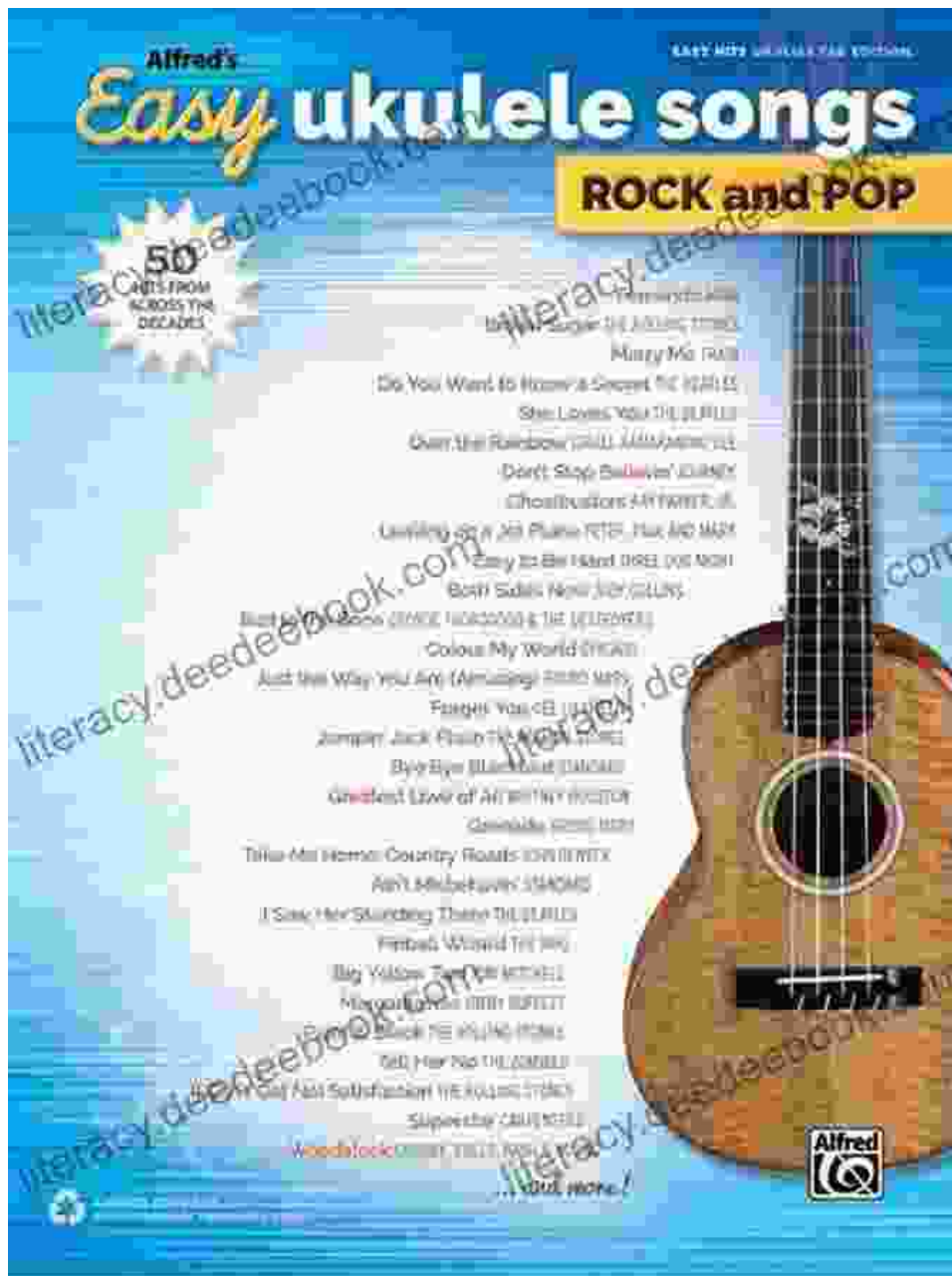
Jackson's epic music video and eerie lyrics made "Thriller" the best-selling album of all time.

## 2. "Sweet Child O' Mine" - Guns N' Roses



Guns N' Roses' anthem of love and loss remains a guitar-driven classic.

### 3. "Like a Prayer" - Madonna



Madonna's controversial music video and lyrics sparked a debate about religion and sexuality.

**1990s:**



1. "Smells Like Teen Spirit" - Nirvana



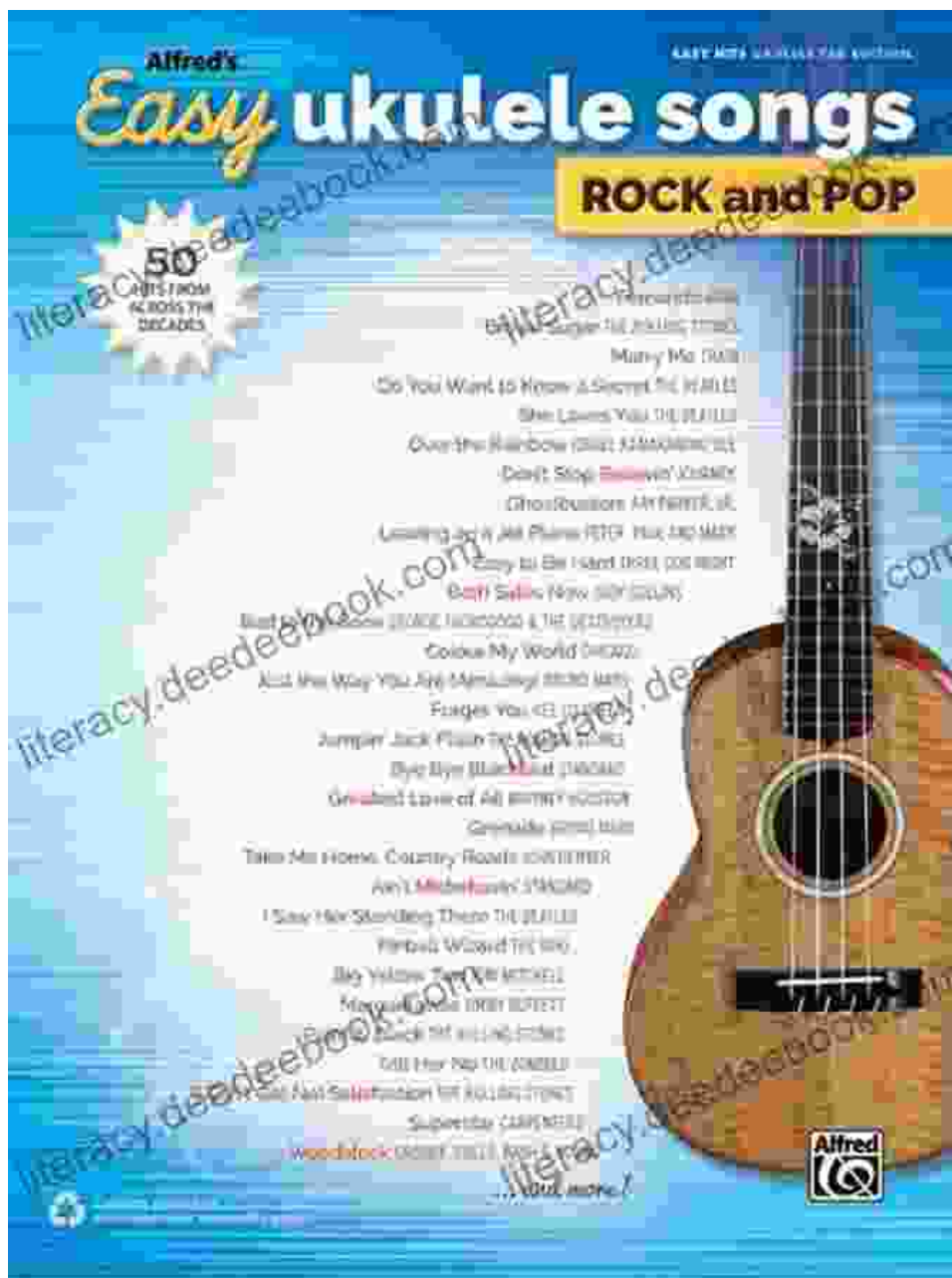
Nirvana's grunge anthem became a defining moment in alternative rock.

## 2. "Wonderwall" - Oasis



Oasis's bittersweet ballad became one of the most beloved songs of the Britpop era.

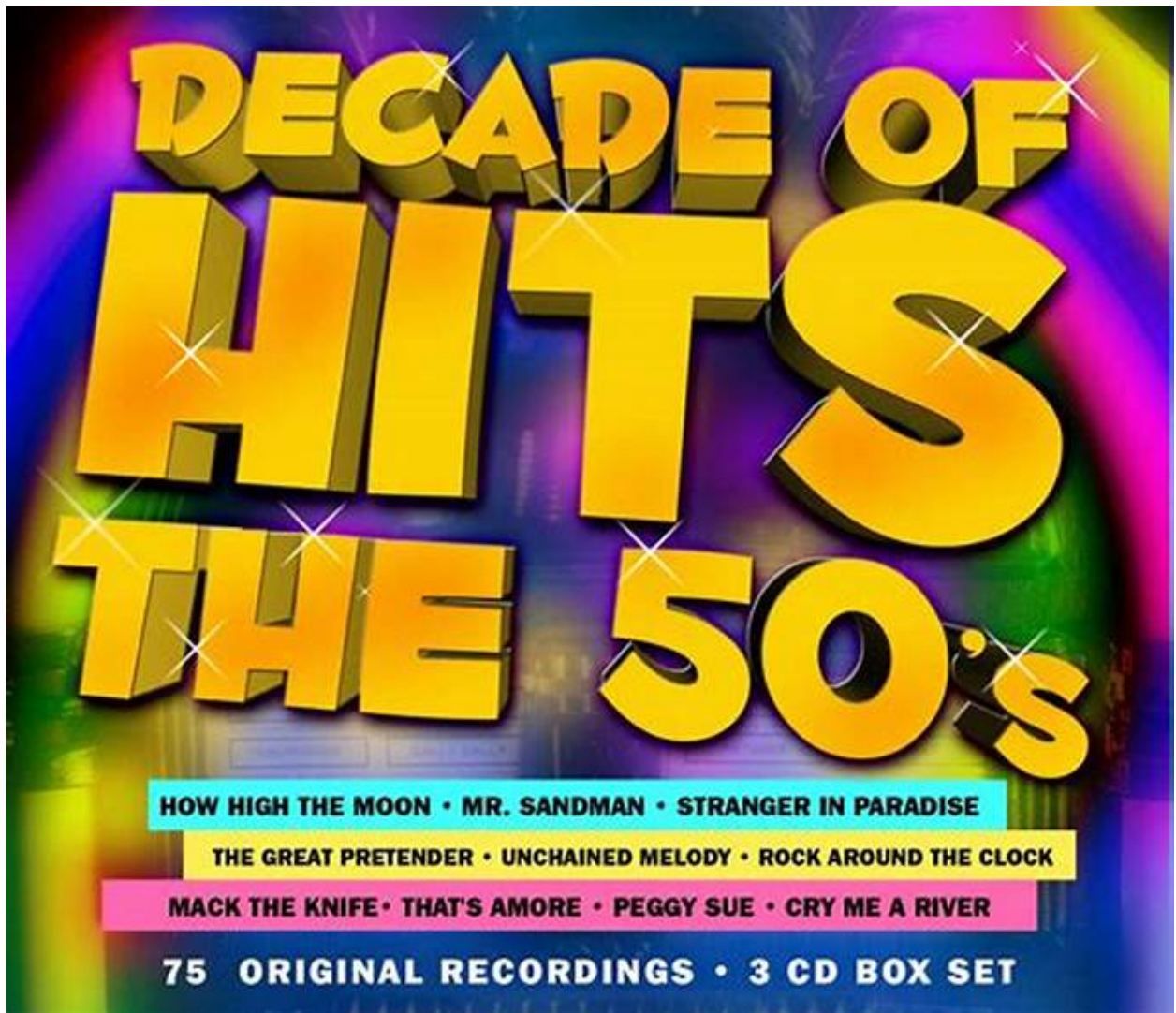
### 3. "No Scrubs" - TLC



TLC's empowering anthem of female independence became a pop culture phenomenon.

2000s:

1. "Crazy in Love" - Beyoncé



Beyoncé's breakout hit announced her arrival as a global superstar.



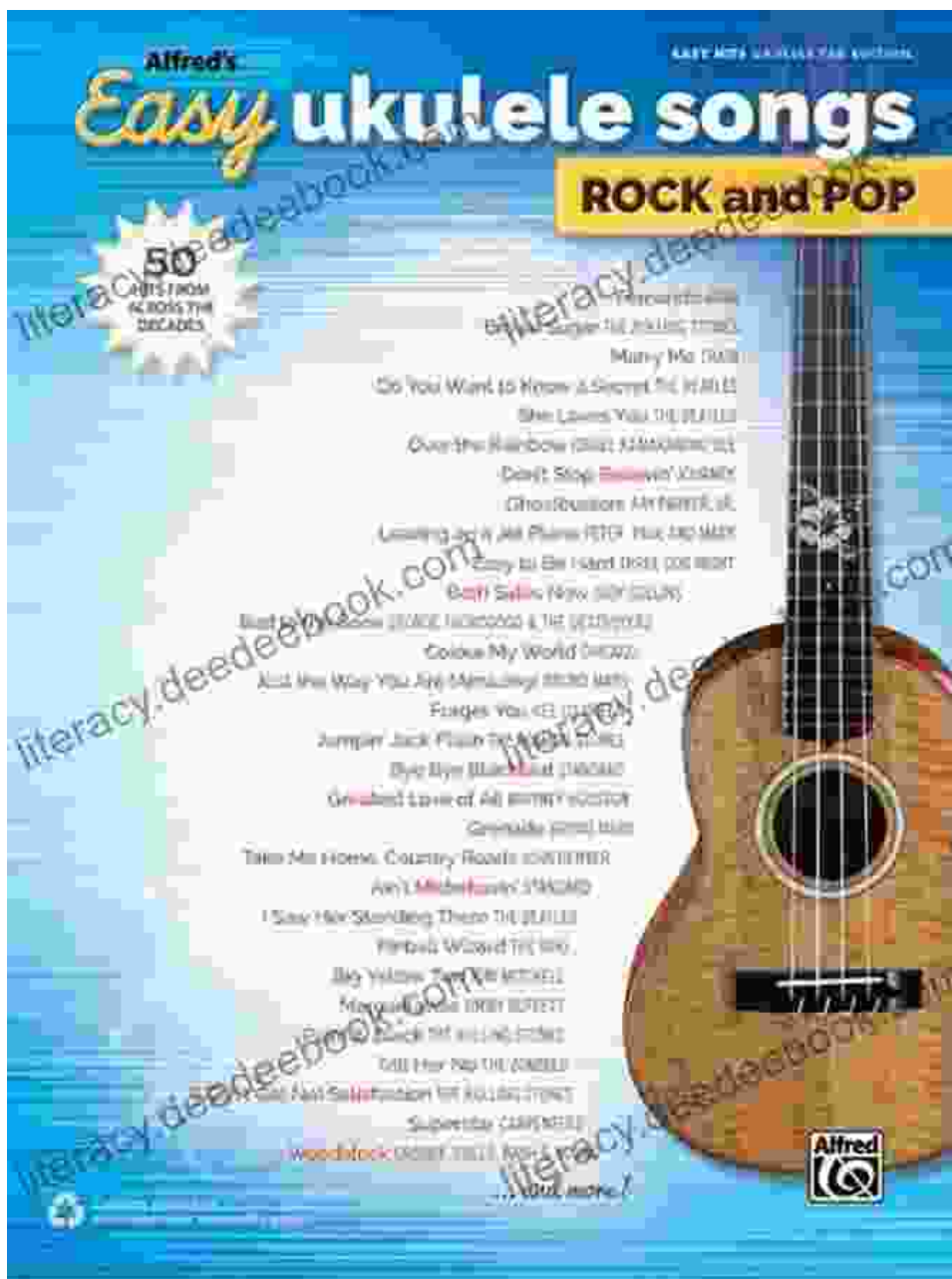
## 2. "Clocks" - Coldplay



Coldplay's ethereal piano-led ballad became a signature anthem for the band.



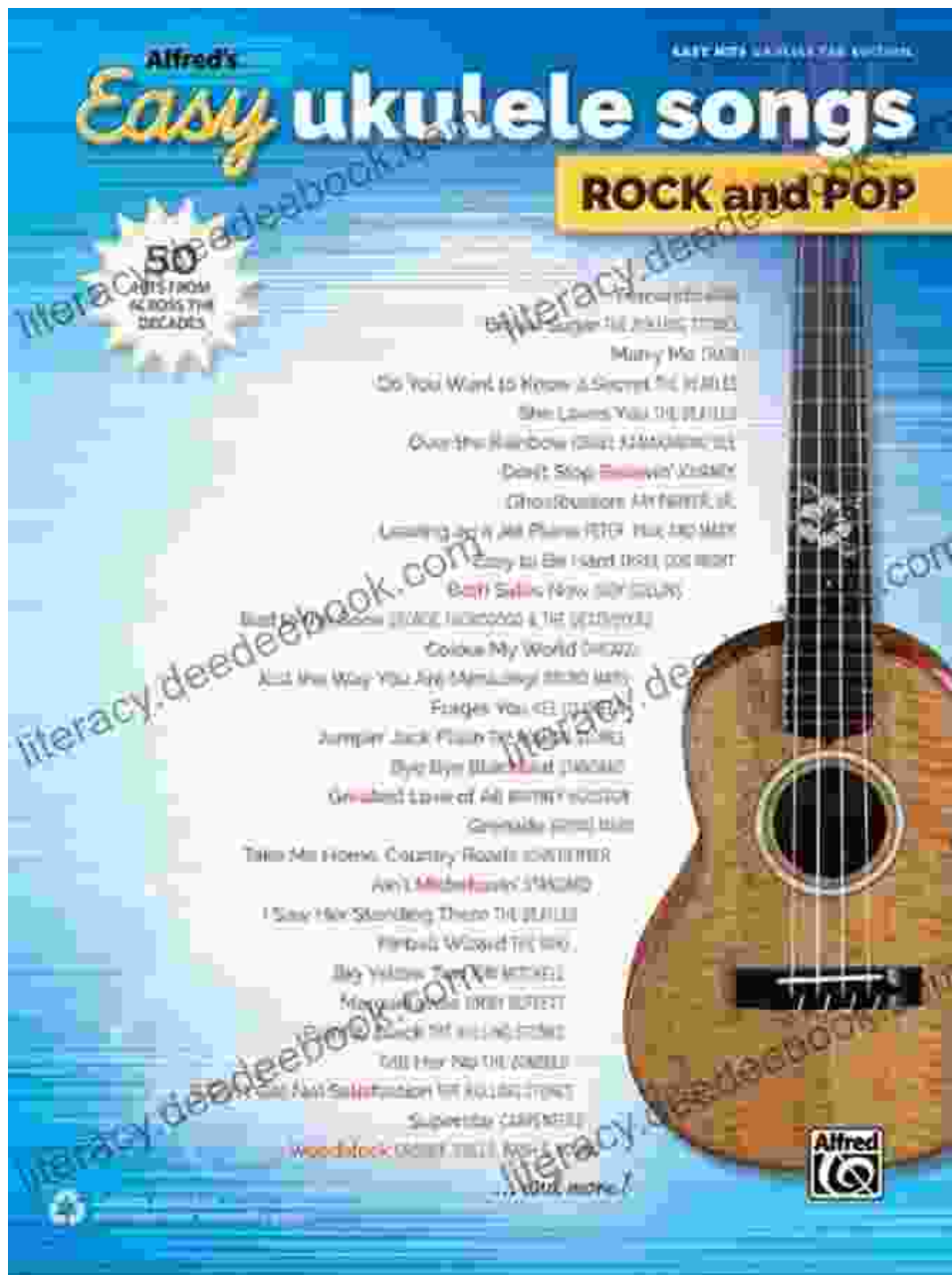
### 3. "Lose Yourself" - Eminem



Eminem's powerful anthem from the movie "8 Mile" earned him an Oscar for Best Original Song.

2010s:

# 1. "Royals" - Lorde



Lorde's haunting electropop single became an anthem for teenage rebellion.

## 2. "Shake It Off" - Taylor Swift

**Our Song**  
Words and Music by Taylor Swift

**Key:** D Major  
**Tempo:** Moderately fast, in 2 (♩ = 120)



1. I see red in the face of god. With my hat on - boom in the  
2. All additional lyrics.

(front) seat of the car. He's got a one-hand feel on the  
steering wheel. The uh - er my heart.

I look around from the window. He says, "Ra-by, it's nice - that's new!"

I say, "Nah - ah", I was just out of my head.

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Swift's upbeat pop anthem embraced self-acceptance and became one of her biggest hits.

### 3. "Despacito" - Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee



The Latin crossover hit broke records and became the most streamed song of all time.

**2020s:**

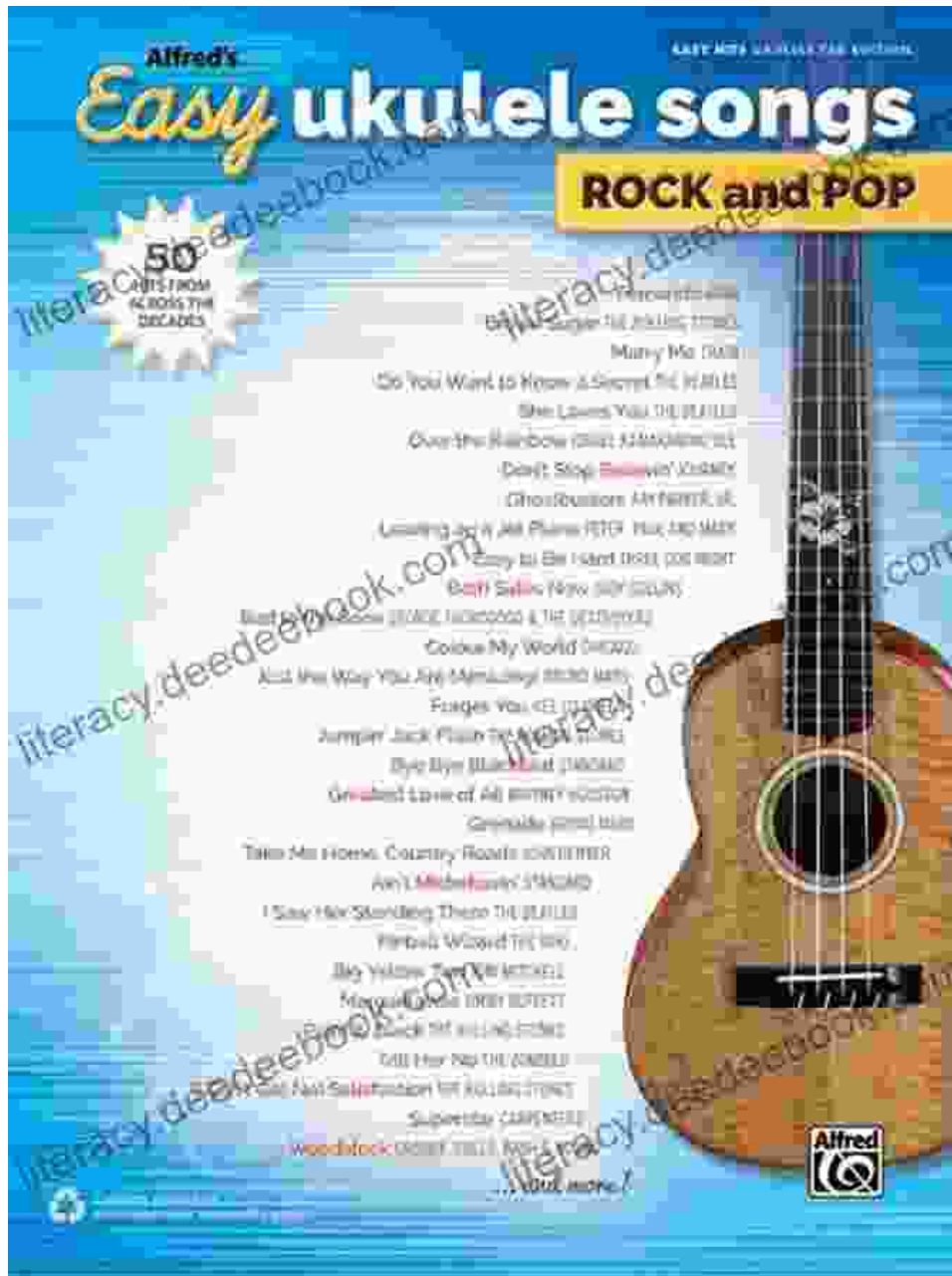
1. "Drivers License" - Olivia Rodrigo



Rodrigo's heartbreak anthem became a viral sensation and established her as a rising star.



## 2. "Butter" - BTS



BTS's dance-pop confection became the group's best-selling single and cemented their global dominance.

## 3. "Blinding Lights" - The Weeknd



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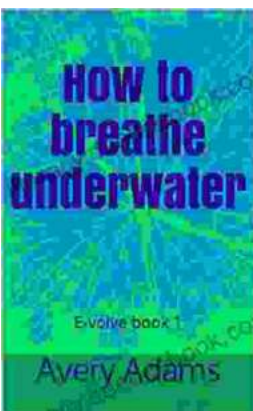
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