

# SONG FACTS

## Nowhere Man

**Album:** Rubber Soul **Date:** 1965

John Lennon came up with this after struggling to write a song for the album. Lennon said: "I thought of myself sitting there, doing nothing and getting nowhere."

This was used in the animated Beatles movie *Yellow Submarine*. They sing it to Jeremy Hillary Boob, PhD, who describes himself as an "eminent physicist, polyglot classicist, prize-winning botanist, hard-biting satirist, talented pianist, good dentist too." The Beatles decide to take him Somewhere, and he eventually helps them to defeat the Blue Meanies.

This is probably the first Beatles song that has nothing to do with love.

Natalie Merchant performed this at the 2001 special, *Come Together: A Night For John Lennon's Words And Music*. She did a mellow version, as the show was also a tribute to victims of the terrorist attacks on America.

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