

SONG FACTS

Here Comes The Sun

Album: Abbey Road **Date:** 1969

George Harrison wrote this in Eric Clapton's garden using one of Clapton's acoustic guitars. When the Beatles' manager Brian Epstein died in 1967, the band had to handle more of their accounting and business affairs, which Harrison hated. He wrote this after attending a round of business meetings.

This was inspired by the long winters in England which Harrison thought went on forever.

John Lennon did not play on this. Around this time, he was making a habit of not playing on Harrison's compositions as the two were not on the best of terms. The two eventually settled their differences as George contributed quite a bit to Lennon's album **Imagine** 2 years later.

On November 20, 1976, Harrison performed this with Paul Simon on *Saturday Night Live*. On a previous show, producer Lorne Michaels offered The Beatles \$3,000 (union minimum), to show up and perform. He said they could split it up any way they wanted, giving Ringo less if they felt like it. Lennon and McCartney were watching together in New York at the time and almost went. On the show when Harrison performed this, there is a skit where he is arguing with Michaels over the money. Michaels tries to explain that the \$3000 was for the whole group, and he would have to accept less.

When Harrison died in 2001, many artists performed this at their concerts as a tribute. It was played at the induction ceremonies of the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame as part of the all-star jam.

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