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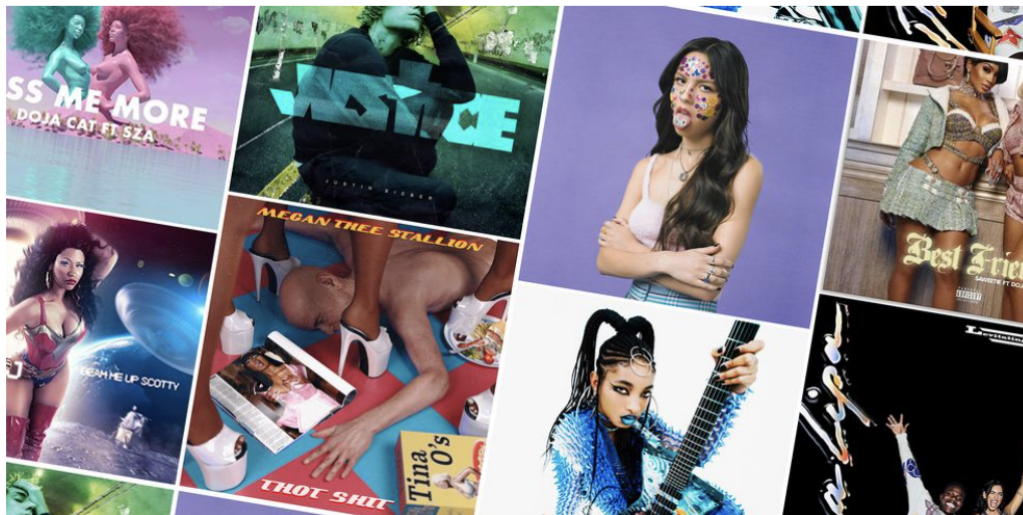
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The Best Summer Songs to Add to Your Playlists Now

Whether you're having a Hot Girl Summer or a Pop Punk Girl Summer, we've got bops for you.



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As COVID-19 protocols continue to disintegrate, cities and towns have begun to buzz and previously isolated friends are poking out their heads for drinks, dates, and daytime debauchery. Much like the rest of the last year, summer 2021 is likely to be unlike anything else we've experienced in our lifetimes, but perhaps for different reasons. As always, music will play a large part in documenting and reveling in the absurdity of it all. So as social life begins to pick back up again, we've rounded up the best songs for your long-lost summer. From the sexy playful vibes of mainstay stars like Doja, SZA, and Cardi to bops from newcomers like Olivia Rodrigo and Coi Leray, here's the best music to soundtrack your freedom this season.

“Lay wit Ya” by Isaiah Rashad featuring Duke Deuce



After a multiyear hiatus, Isaiah Rashad—one of Kendrick Lamar’s longest-running TDE signees—emerged from the shadows to announce a new album. To celebrate the momentous reemergence, he joined forces with buzzy Memphis rapper Duke Deuce (known for last year’s ginormous track “Crunk Ain’t Dead”) for the menacing “Lay wit Ya.” The pair ends up filling in the spaces for each other, as Rashad holds steady on his cool, laid-back flow and Duke hops in and rattles the floorboards.