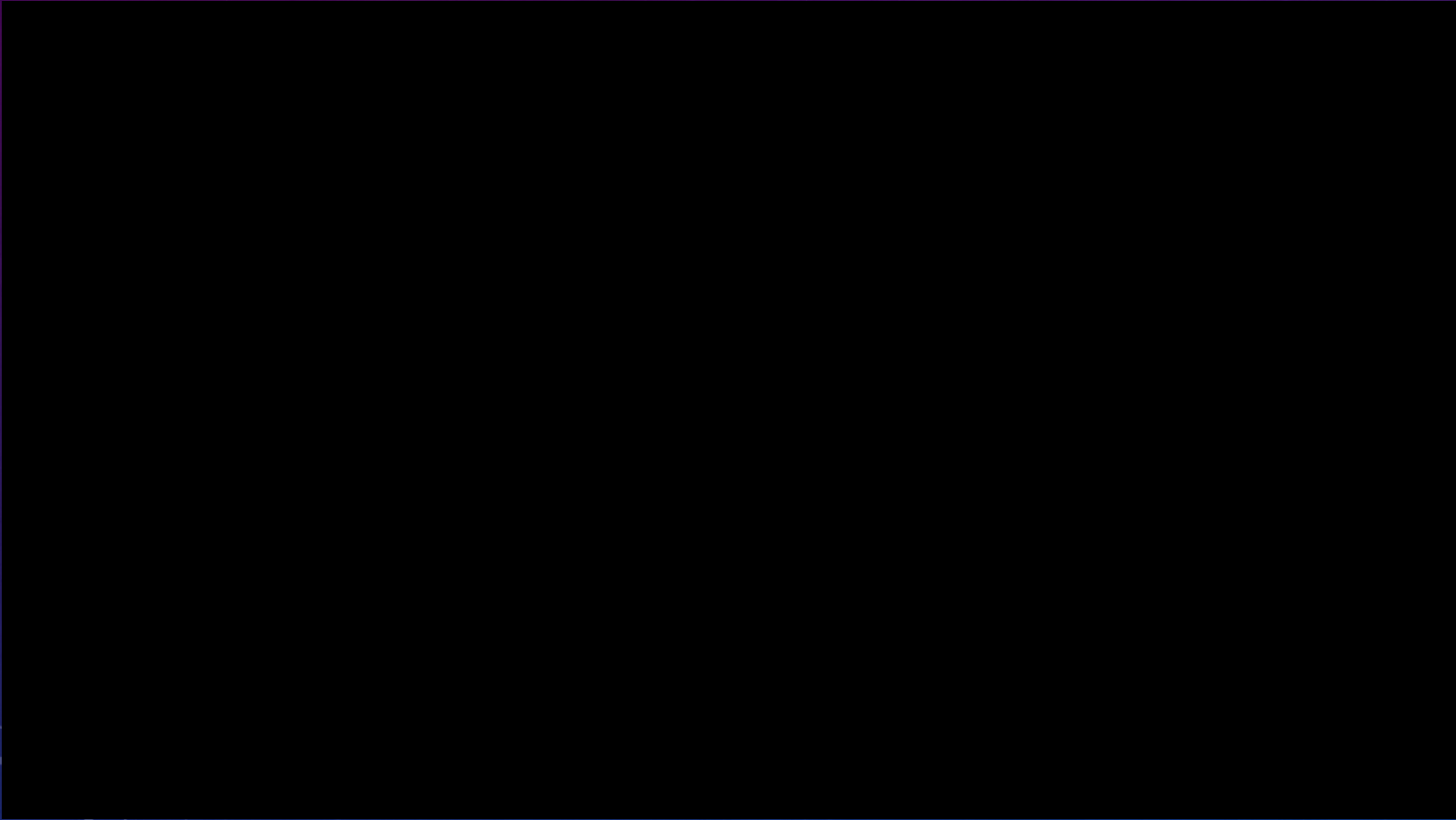




# MUSIC & THE MOON

# GIANT LEAPS



- Strings & Piano – Apollo Missions
- Brass – All other Lunar Missions
- Clock Ticking – One Month
- Snare Drum – One Year
- Bass Drum – Decade
- Cymbals – New Launch

FIRST SONG  
PLAYED ON THE  
MOON

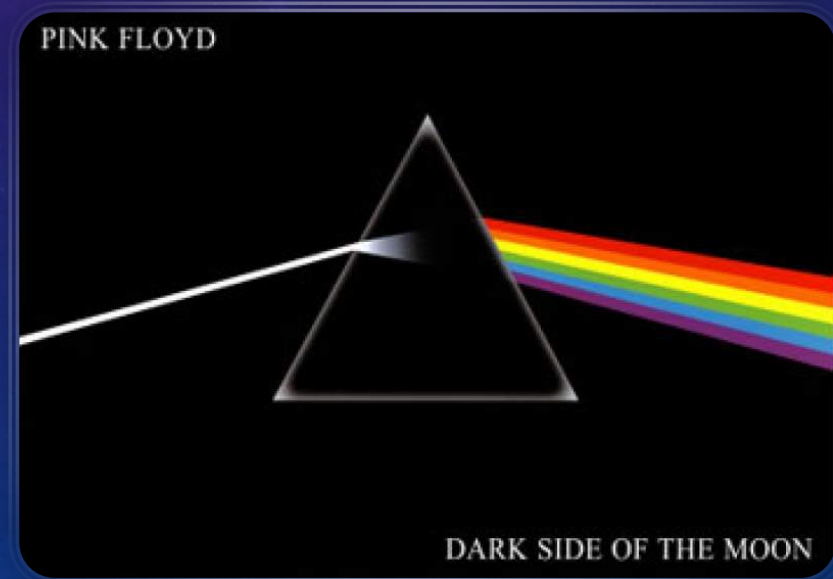
FRANK SINATRA'S 1964 REMAKE OF "IN OTHER  
WORDS" BY BART HOWARD



# TOP ERA FOR MUSIC ABOUT THE MOON

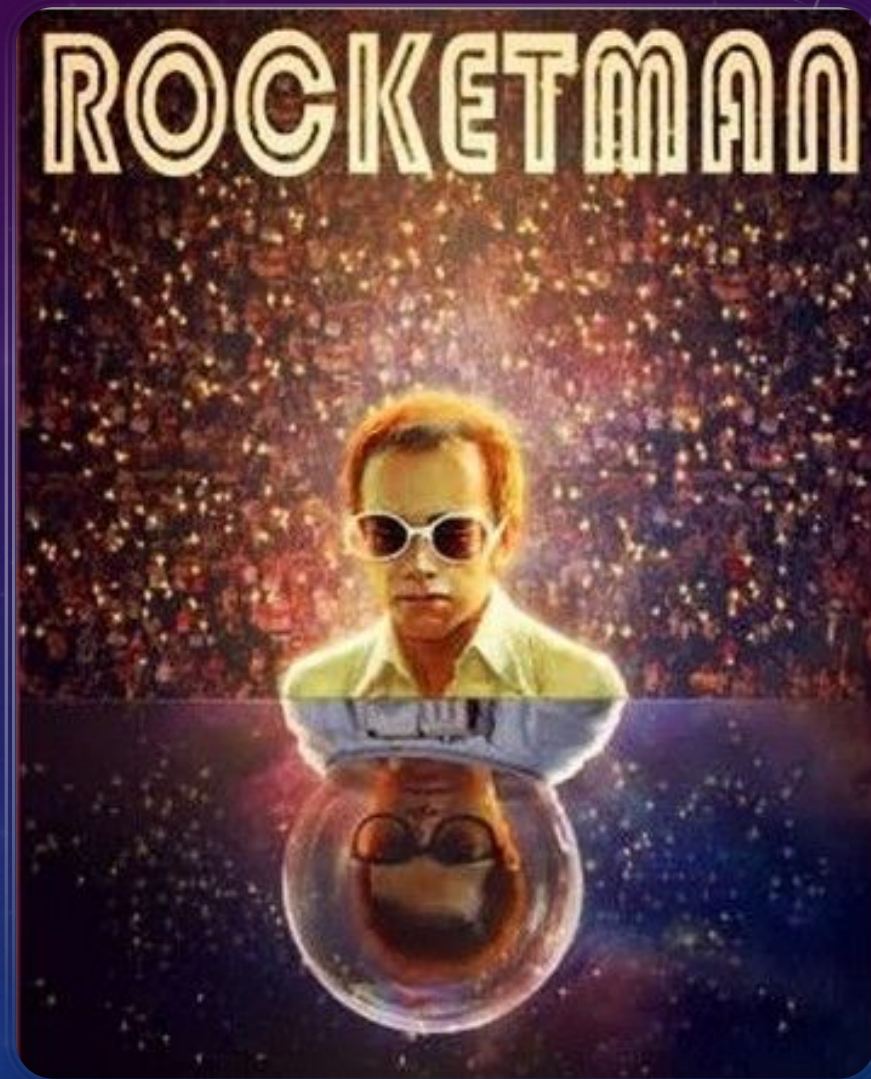
- On lists of the top 20, 40, and 50 songs about the moon\* around 50% were composed in the 1960s & 1970s

\*Lists from USAToday, NXS, and Ultimate Music Guide



# NASA INVOLVEMENT IN MUSIC

- NASA has used music to wake up astronauts dating back to the Gemini missions
- Songs are chosen by a “Space DJ” who is the mission’s capsule commander
- Favorites include Rocket Man(Elton John), What a Wonderful World(Louis Armstrong), and Amazing Grace
- Wake up songs ended with the closing of the space shuttle program in 2011 (last wakeup song was God Bless America), ISS crew will occasionally be woken up by music but it is no longer tradition
- Songs were often used to lighten the mood for astronauts, with more goofy selections used throughout the years



# SONGS SANG IN SPACE BY ASTRONAUTS

- As we saw in class, Jingle Bells was the first song played in space and transmitted back to earth onboard Gemini6A
- Crew joked to seeing an unidentified flying object piloted by Santa at the end of the song
- During Apollo 17, on the surface of the moon, astronauts Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan sang The Fountain in the Park and got into a debate over how to sing the lyrics
- Astronaut Carl Walz created the first music video in space in 2003 aboard the ISS to Space Oddity

