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BEST SINGLES

73 Ciara featuring Ludacris
"High Price"

A wonderfully outlandish paean to expensive tastes. Like every other R&B diva, Ciara likes her Louis Vuitton togs. But she also likes her copy of Prince's "1999" – check out those freaky falsetto squawks.

74 Ra Ra Riot
"Dying Is Fine"

A miraculous feat: Sad-eyed indie balladeers set an E.E. Cummings poem to a jaunty violin groove and make it sound like a stadium-rocking anthem.

75 Flo Rida featuring T-Pain
"Low"

The hypnotic beat you heard bumping from every car on the road this summer. If scraping the club floor with your ample buttocks is wrong, we don't want to be right.

76 The Roots
"Rising Down"

Philly's finest unleash a fiery tirade against greenhouse gases and dirty politics in Alaska, but their biggest selling point is that beat – a sleek funk groove even Sarah Palin couldn't resist.

77 Hercules and Love Affair
"Blind"

With a rubber-band bass line and an ecstatic vocal from cross-dressing warbler Antony, this summer jam is as awesomely gay as a glitter-coated rainbow. Disco? Back.

78 Love as Laughter
"Holy"

The wildest boast from these scandalously underrated Brooklyn rockers – "We can be the best Babylon band" – doesn't seem so far-fetched. Especially considering those raggedy, Neil Young-like guitars.

79 Kid Cudi
"Day 'N' Nite"

He's Kanye's new sidekick, and no wonder: This portrait of a "lonely stoner" is emotionally raw, thanks to its minimal, bleeping electro hook.

80 Mudcrutch
"Crystal River"

Lighters up! This jamadelic slow dance by Tom Petty's reunited pre-Heartbreakers outfit sounds like a lost soundcheck from the Grateful Dead's *Europe '72*.

81 The Knux
"Cappuccino"

Two coolster rappers combine guitar-soaked beats and brainy, head-spinning lyrics about mocha twists and getting it on. Result? The best party joint A Tribe Called Quest never made.

82 Santogold and Diplo
"Icarus"

The dub diva gets ghostly above Diplo's glitchy melody, flying her paper plane so close to the flame that her high notes transform into a ritual folk chant.

83 Get 'Em Mamis
"Cold Summer"

For fans of *The Wire:* Baltimore ladies rhyme about diamonds over a sample that sounds like a shivering polar bear.

84 Lil Wayne
"A Milli"

The year's most jacked beat was It producer Bangladesh's nagging earworm for Weezy's delirious spiel about the joys of being, well, Lil Wayne.

85 M83
"Kim & Jessie"

Celebrating the glories of Eighties New Wave, this French act's radiant paean to young love would've sounded great on the *Top Gun* soundtrack.

86 The Rumble Strips
"Cowboy"

Is doo-wop the new retro soul? These Mark Ronson protégés make a strong case for that idea with rollicking, horn-powered grooves and spooky harmonies.

87 Friendly Fires
"Jump in the Pool"

This vibrant U.K. breakthrough proves dance rock still has a pulse. Singer Ed Macfarlane's existential dread mixes with glitchy synths and a dizzying Afro-funk beat – it's LCD Soundsystem for emo kids.

88 Bon Iver
"Skinny Love"

Forget "Heartless." The year's most wrenching split-up ballad is this acoustic dirge from everyone's favorite new beard-y troubadour. "I tell my love to wreck it all/Cut out all the ropes and let me fall." Ouch.

89 Old Crow Medicine Show
"Alabama High-Test"

A fast-rhyming banjo blues from old-timey cowpunks high-tailing it down the southbound highway with Smokey on their bumper and drugs in their trunk.

90 Busta Rhymes
"Don't Touch Me (Throw da Water on 'Em)"

Busta breaks out of club-rap purgatory to drop a lightning-tongued salvo about how hot he is. When MCs talk about spitting fire, this is what they mean.

91 O'Neal McKnight
"Check Your Coat"

The "Billie Jean" bounce of this R&B newcomer's Michael Jackson-obsessed jam is guaranteed to get the party started – especially if it's the kind of party where Diddy shows up and dances on a banquette.