List of recommended songs for IETTTP

1. Bobcaygeon – The Tragically Hip
   1. Voted most Canadian song of all time ()
   2. Named after the Bobccaygeon town in Ontario. A police officer talking about the stress of the job. He explains how he relives his stress on the weekend. Bobcaygeon just represents any small town in Korea. It also talks about racism in Canada (Christie Pits riots in Toronto 1933).
2. Perfect – Alanis
   1. My favorite song by my favorite artist
   2. The song is about the pressures of being a child. In the song, she talks from a female and male perspective. The parents are living vicariously through their children who feel like they have to be perfect to feel loved. It is possibly about her life as a child actor.
3. God’s Plan – Drake
   1. Most successful internationally of all Canadians
   2. He loves his hometown of Toronto and gives back when he can. In the video, he gives money to people
   3. It is about Drake’s real life. He says that he was divinely appointed, so the “haters” don’t matter to him. He says they are jealous. He also says he loves his family and his home. He thanks some of his friends.
4. Possession – Sarah Machlan
   1. The song was inspired by her stalker (Uwe Vandrei). He eventually sued her for using his words in her song. He committed suicide before the verdict. (actually there was another fan that inspired it too). She stopped getting those types of letters.
   2. A man is obsessed with a woman.
5. Fight for the Right - Kelly Fraser
   1. She studied indigenous studies at Nunavut Sivuniksavut.
   2. A song to encourage Inuk people to vote on the selling of indigenous lands.
   3. One of the few artists preserving the Inuktitut language. She covered some other songs in this language.
6. Try – blue Rodeo
   1. Lost love and how mean women can be.
   2. It is a combination of a lot of stories from their pasts about love.
   3. First song where they created their own music rather than copying others. They became one of the greatest Canadian bands.
7. Push and Pull – July Talk
   1. Western excesses, consumer culture
   2. “I don’t want to wait. Take, take anything…”
8. Uja – Tanya Tagaq
   1. Inuit throat singer, improvisational singer, political activist, Order of Canada Award winner,
   2. A song about aboriginal rights – seal hunt, missing aboriginal women  
      Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)
   3. Uja is Inuk for the collar portion of sealskin
9. In too Deep – Sum 41
   1. The relationship is ending but he thought it was going to be everlasting love. They are trying to hold on even though love is falling apart.
   2. “I’m trying to keep up above in my head”
10. Stadium Pow Wow - The Halluci Nation
    1. Blending modern (dub step) with traditional chanting
    2. A powwow was a traditional meeting with dances
    3. The tension between traditional cultures and modern influence
11. 1234 – Fiest
    1. The song writer wrote this after her friend divorced her husband. She was upset.
    2. Even though the song seems upbeat, it is about not being able to get the initial feelings of love back. Money can’t buy back those feelings.
    3. There is a children’s version performed on Seasame Street
12. Call and Answer – BNL
    1. This performance was dedicated to a fan that had died named Skates.
    2. was the last one before Steven Paige left the group. The other members were worried about his drug habits. He was caught with cocaine (2008).
    3. It is about a relationship that didn’t work out the first time. They were fighting but are trying again. If she calls him, he will answer the phone.
13. Home for a Rest – Spirit of the West
    1. The band goes on (a music) tour to England and gets drunk a lot.
    2. It was about a tour they did in England.
    3. It was just supposed to be a small poem, not part of the album, not a main song, one of the greatest Canadian songs of all time.
14. In the Woods – Kim Harris
    1. The song is about her enjoying the nature of Nova Scotia
15. Pour que tu m’aimes encore - Celine Dion French song?
    1. Famous for Titanic but very successful in English and French
    2. Meaning: so that you love me again. Pleading with your ex-lover to stay together.
16. Clumsy – Our Lady Peace
    1. It is about making decisions. You can see someone drowning and it is like they are saying goodbye by waving their hands.
    2. “Ill be waving my hand watching you drown.” You don’t realize that they are drowning. Don’t take things at face value. Sometimes you have to look deeper.
17. Break Your Heart – BNL
    1. A different look at the dynamics of a break up. He was trying not to break her heart even though he wants to break up with her.
    2. “I couldn’t tell you I was happy you were gone,” – too cowardly to end the relationship
    3. “It’s my stupid pride that makes me feel like I have to follow through” – obligation
    4. He doesn’t consider how she feels until he sings from the woman’s perspective. “You said…”
    5. She is also ready to break up. She is angry that he tried to “protect her.” “You arrogant man, what do you think that I am? My heart will be fine. Just stop wasting my time!
18. Don’t Forget Me – Glass Tiger
    1. Will you remember me after we break up.
19. Anthems for a Seventeen year old girl - Broken Social Scene
    1. Trying to fit in, changing puberty
20. *Closer – Tegan and Sara* 
    1. *We about to fuck*