Behind the Music

Singing about Healthy Relationships

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2. Lyrics about a singer that kissed a girl and enjoyed it. But she hopes her boyfriend doesn’t mind.

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Outkast
“Hey Ya”

Shake it, shake, shake it, shake it (oh oh)
Shake it, shake it, shake, shake it, shake it, shake it (oh oh)
Shake it, shake it like a Polaroid picture, shake it, shake it
Shh you got to, shake it, shh shake it, shake it, got to shake it
(Shake it sugar) shake it like a Polaroid picture
Hey... ya. (oh oh)
Hey ya. (oh oh)
Hey... ya. (Don't want to meet your daddy, oh oh)
Hey ya. (Just want you in my Caddy oh oh)
Hey... ya. (oh oh, don't want to meet yo' mama oh oh)
Hey ya. (Just want to make you cumma oh oh)
Hey... ya. (I'm, oh oh I'm, oh oh)
Hey ya. (I'm just being honest oh oh, I'm just being honest)

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Katy Perry
“I Kissed a Girl”

I kissed a girl and I liked it,
the taste of her cherry chapstick.
I kissed a girl just to try it,
I hope my boyfriend don't mind it.
It felt so wrong,
it felt so right.
Don't mean I'm in love tonight.
I kissed a girl and I liked it (I liked it).

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Geoffrey Chaucer
“The Miller’s Tale”

And Absalom no better felt nor worse
But with his mouth he kissed her naked arse
Right greedily, before he knew of this
Aback he leapt- it seemed somehow amiss
For well he knew a woman
has no beard...

How well do we LISTEN to lyrics?

(Let's jump to the chorus, 0:36.)
What makes a relationship healthy?

HONESTY
EQUALITY
RESPONSIBILITY
RESPECT
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RESPECT

Honesty is such a lonely word
Everyone is so untrue
Honesty is hardly ever heard
And mostly what I need from you
HONESTY
EQUALITY
RESPONSIBILITY
RESPECT

Oh please say to me
You'll let me be your man
And please say to me
You'll let me hold your hand.

HONESTY
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Let’s talk about sex baby
Let’s talk about you and me
Let’s talk about all the good things
And the bad things
That may be
If you wannabe my lover
You gotta get with my friends
Making love is easy
Friendship never ends

What years did you go to high school?

The 1960s
1970s
Totally Radical 80s Soundtracks
The 90s are All That
2000s
2010s
Before
What’s love got to do with it?
What’s love but a second hand emotion?
What’s love got to do with it?
Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?

After
What’s truth got to do with it?
What’s truth? It’s a responsible emotion.
What’s truth got to do with it?
Who needs a lie when the truth can be spoken?

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