

## Janis Joplin's Greatest Hits (1973)

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1. *Piece Of My Heart* 2. *Summertime* 3. *Try (Just A Little Bit Harder)* 4. *Cry Baby* 5. *Me And Bobby McGee* 6. *Down On Me* 7. *Get It While You Can* 8. *Bye, Bye Baby* [play](#) 9. *Move Over* 10. *Ball And Chain*

A solid, if skimpy, ten-track best-of that gathers the most important songs from Janis Joplin's solo career, as well as her stint with Big Brother & the Holding Company. The compilation 18 Essential Songs offers a wider selection, but does not include the original version of "Me and Bobby McGee," which makes Greatest Hits the better purchase for those who only want one Janis Joplin disc, even if it isn't definitive. The 1999 CD reissue adds two bonus tracks, "Maybe" and "Mercedes Benz." ---Steve Huey, AMG

Janis Joplin (born 19 January 1943 in Port Arthur, Texas, United States, died 4 October 1970 in Los Angeles, California) was an American singer, songwriter, composer and painter. Originally the lead singer for the blues rock band Big Brother & The Holding Company, Joplin left the band in late 1968 for a solo career. She released two solo albums, *I Got Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!* (1969) and *Pearl* (1971), the latter released after her death. During her solo career, she was backed by the Kozmic Blues Band and later, the Full Tilt Boogie Band. Her version of the Kris Kristofferson song "Me And Bobby McGee" reached #1 in the United States on March 20, 1971. ---last.fm

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