

# Will sing for food

Ah, the sounds of Thanksgiving: screaming children, crying over ruined dishes burned in the oven, droning football commentators rambling on the television. This year, rather than listening to relatives bicker, why not pop in some good music and make the day seem a little less long? To add a culinary soundtrack to your meal, *The A.V. Club* asked local musicians what their favorite songs about food are; the resulting mix-tape is an impressive smorgasbord in itself: steak, chocolate, waffles, and dog.

**Beck, "Satan Gave Me a Taco" (Stereopathic Soulmanure)**

**Jesse Elliott** of These United States: Though "Werewolves Of London" is the obvious choice for "alternative" beef-chow-mein-based celebrations everywhere this season, I find that no song quite sums up the spirit of the more traditional Thanksgiving-feast like Beck's "Satan Gave Me a Taco." First, there is giving: Satan is giving a taco. Second, there is apocalyptic hallucination brought on by sublime over-consumption of said satanic taco. Finally, there is a lot of money made at the end of the song, leading us nicely into the oncoming pick-your-December-holiday festivities! Eat *that* tasty piña colada of awesome destruction, Warren Zevon!

**"Weird Al" Yankovic, "Waffle King" (Alapalooza)**

**Ian Glinka** of Middle Distance Runner: Snugly tucked in at track 11 on *Alapalooza*, "Waffle King" gives the listener a glimpse into Weird Al's subconscious. Truly some of his best post-"Eat It" work. Favorite line: "Hey, batter, batter!"

**They Might Be Giants, "Dinner Bell" (Apollo 18)**

**Tommy Siegel** and **Jesse Kristin** of Jukebox The Ghost: It has the best lyric in rock 'n' roll history: "I don't want a pizza / I don't want a piece of peanut brittle / I don't want a pear / I don't want a bagel / I don't want a bean / I wouldn't like a bag of beef or a beer or a cup of chowder, corn, cake, or creamed cauliflower / 'cause I'm waiting for the dinner bell to do the bell thing."

**Bob Merrill, "(How Much Is) That Doggie In The Window?"**

**Carol Bui**: It's pretty self-explanatory—I'm Vietnamese.

**Rufus Wainwright, "Cigarettes And Chocolate Milk" (Poses)**

**Manny Bernardo** of The Sketches: It's a work of sheer genius—an ode to vice in the guise of a melody so simple and innocent it may as well be a nursery rhyme. My 10-year-old nephew could sing the whole tune from memory with Dad's unwitting approval. To top it off, Wainwright manages to use one of the most homely and benign substances on earth, chocolate milk, for his dirty, dirty metaphor. Talk about poetry.

**Reverend Horton Heat, "Eat Steak" (Smoke 'Em If You Got 'Em)**

**Kiki Schneider** of Five Four: Our singer is from Texas and we like cows.

**Shudder To Think, "Chocolate" (Funeral At The Movies)**

**John Davis** of Georgie James: I really hated Shudder To Think when I was in high school

and deeply immersed in the D.C. punk scene of the early '90s. It was mainly Craig Wedren's voice. Somewhere along the way, a switch flipped and I came to love this band. *Funeral At The Movies* brings me right back to a high-school summer of seeing shows at St. Stephen's and Fort Reno, mowing lawns, buying records at Smash, playing basketball, and seeing movies at The Foundry and Congressional Plaza. With that in mind, I vote for their song "Chocolate," the first song off of *Funeral*, though it's not really about food.



**Booker T And The MGs, "Green Onions" (Green Onions)**

**Michael Sullivan** of The Hall Monitors: One of the coolest shuffles in rock 'n' roll.

**Cabbage Patch Kids, "Villains Three"**

**Benjy Ferree**: My favorite food song comes from a '80s toy commercial for Cabbage Patch Kids. It was a Teddy Ruxpin-like toy with a tape recorder, quite possibly a doll head lip-syncing along, and one of the songs was an evil cabbage thief that had his Scrooge-type song about how he hated the Cabbage Patch Kids. The song went like this: "Cabbages, cabbages, yum yum yum, cabbages, cabbages, gimme some." —Andrew Wiseman

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**LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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