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In this monologue, you will be finding out the perfect heavy metal subgenre for you in just a couple of minutes! Without me, you could genuinely be searching Youtube for countless hours if not months! If only I had this monologue as a child, I could have found the style where it's cool to pretend The Lord of the Rings is real immediately. Hammerfall's 'Glory to the Brave' is a fantastic (and fantastical!) album and whilst not as cool as Snoop Dogg or whatever with his lyrics about chilling out and partying (I assume), it is still fun. Look me in the eyes and say you don't want glory for being brave!

Here goes!

Do you like music that is slow?

- ... If yes, do you like music that is really, really, really slow?
- ... If yes, would you describe yourself as an excessively miserable person who other people find sinister and creepy?
- ... If yes, doom metal is for you. The style may well ease your pain, but be careful not to play it loud otherwise people will just avoid you even more. If you want people to avoid you though? Great!
- ... If you like super slow paces but are more mentally healthy (but still not 100% all there according to your parents at least), stoner music is for you.

If you like music that is only moderately slow, would you describe yourself as somewhat... outside of the law?

- ... If yes, again, stoner music is for you. It's not all super slow!
- ... If you are law abiding, are you still angry and just a little aggressive?
- ... If yes, sludge metal is for you. Not THAT bad in the eyes of the police at very least. Not perfect, not worth tasering or pepper spraying...
- ... If you are law abiding and not aggressive, maybe the lighter and more melodic alternative metal is for you. You're actually one of the nicest people on this list. :)

Do you like music that is moderately fast?

- ... If yes, do you like the thought of wearing armour and battling dragons? (This is a real question).
- ... If yes, power metal is for you.

If you like moderate tempos but not fighting goblins and such, how about going to war with human armies, etc.?

... If yes, traditional metal is for you. Not too cheesy? Well, 'defending the faith' is a common expression in this genre, meaning 'keep listening, going to gigs' etc. Still not

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cheesy? There are some people I'm sure, who assume I made the expression up. Nope.

Do you like music that is even faster than moderately fast?

- ... If yes, and you don't have a MASSIVE grudge against royalty/the government etc., do you place high value on music theory?
- ... If no, thrash metal is for you.
- ... If you're fine with King Charles and like theory too, speed metal is for you.

If you like reasonably speedy music and you DO have a grudge against royalty, etc., to the point you have to keep going on about it, do you place high value on music theory?

- ... If no, crossover thrash is for you. (It's basically thrash combined with punk).
- ... If yes, post-punk is for you. I think.

Do you like music that's so fast, it's a little on the silly side?

- ... If yes, do you like evil sounding music?
- ... If you do, but you're not really evil, you just like to pretend, death metal is for you.
- ... If you do and you're evil too, black metal is for you. Ooooh scary. Get a puppy and learn how to love.

If you like silly speed music, are you un-evil?

- ... If you don't like evil music at all, you're all about the adrenaline and again, you want to go to battle with fairies and elves on your side, more extreme power metal is for you. (e.g. Dragonforce).
- ... If you like rampant music that isn't particularly evil, and you hate the government and think music theory is dumb, grindcore is for you.

Are you indifferent to tempo?

- ... If you believe music should be played at any speed, do you have an extreme love of technicality?
- ... If you do, does the technicality mainly come from electronic instruments?
- ... If yes, prog metal is for you.
- ... If the tech largely comes from orchestras, symphonic metal is for you.

If you're open to tempo, do you believe musicians shouldn't bother with any kind of

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theory, and should just play anything, really?

... If yes, noise metal is for you.

Well, there you go. Told you it was quick. As Deftones are alternative metal and I'm their biggest fan of all time to the point it's weird, that means I'm law abiding and non aggressive! :D Makes you wonder why I get such strange reactions from people. I still like power metal, suggesting at least part of me wants to fight dragons, I mean I guess I do, just not quite as much as I used to. And bye! Oh no I forgot all about industrial metal. Well, that's metal played with synths, is usually moderately paced, and often has Germans saying things like 'jaaaa'. Now bye! No wait, if I'm being 100% honest, I don't really know what post punk is. I think it's more musical than regular punk, but is it speedy and anti-government? Errrrrrr. Wow, tough one. Maybe no. But whatever. Now bye!