The Day the Music Died Day

February 3rd is The Day the Music Died Day. On this day in 1959, several very popular musicians were killed in an airplane crash. Those who passed away included Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and J.P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson. The Day the Music Died is a lyric contained in the Don McLean song “American Pie.”

Many popular songs contain a reference to money. A few songs contain a lyric that lists a specific coin. In this exercise you will read a lyric and then be challenged to name the song title and the performer. Some lyrics will be instantly recognizable. Some lyrics may seem rather obscure. It would be easy to complete this activity using the Internet but it would not be nearly as fun. We will start with an easy one to get you going and move on from there. Good luck!

1. “Their nests are so bare/All it takes is tuppence from you.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
2. “Send a treasure token, token/Write it on a pound note, pound note.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
3. “When a nickel’s worth a dollar/And gold ain’t worth a dime.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
4. “And I’m bound to keep on ridin’/And I’ve got one more silver dollar.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
5. “Now, I don’t mind chopping wood/And I don’t care if the money’s no good.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
6. “Now my advice for those who die/Declare the pennies on your eyes.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
7. “There’s a man talking of the Promised Land/He’ll acquire it with some Krugerrand.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
8. “I got a little change in my pocket going ching-a-ling-a-ling.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
9. “Brother bought a coconut, he bought it for a dime.”  
   Song Title: _____________________________  
   Performer: _____________________________
10. “Ah, you’ve been so much more than kind/You can keep the dime,”  
    Song Title: _____________________________  
    Performer: _____________________________
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11. “We got a million dollars worth of ethyl gas/
And a reservation for the room.”
   Song Title: _____________________________
   Performer: _____________________________

12. “You can hear your five selections for a quarter.”
   Song Title: _____________________________
   Performer: _____________________________

13. “For the price of a dime I can always turn to you.”
   Song Title: _____________________________
   Performer: _____________________________

14. “I asked the man how his butter was sold/
   He said, “One pound of butter for two pounds of gold.”
   Song Title: _____________________________
   Performer: _____________________________

15. “His mother goes to scrub the floor for many/
   And you best believe she hardly makes a penny.”
   Song Title: _____________________________
   Performer: _____________________________
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ANSWERS

1. Song Title: Feed the Birds
   Performer: Julie Andrews

2. Song Title: Goody Two Shoes
   Performer: Adam Ant

3. Song Title: Buicks to the Moon
   Performer: Alan Jackson

4. Song Title: Midnight Rider
   Performer: The Allman Brothers Band

5. Song Title: The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down
   Performer: The Band

6. Song Title: Taxman
   Performer: Beatles

7. Song Title: That’s the Way it Goes
   Performer: George Harrison

8. Song Title: Keep Your Hands to Yourself
   Performer: The Georgia Satellites

9. Song Title: Coconut
   Performer: Harry Nilsson

10. Song Title: Operator (That’s Not the Way it Feels)
    Performer: Jim Croce

11. Song Title: Eldorado to the Moon
    Performer: Michael Nesmith

12. Song Title: Please Mr. Please
    Performer: Olivia Newton-John

13. Song Title: 867-5309/Jenny
    Performer: Tommy Tutone

14. Song Title: So Long, It’s Been Good to Know Yuh
    Performer: Woody Guthrie/The Weavers

15. Song Title: Living For the City
    Performer: Stevie Wonder