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Chuck Berry, “Rock and Roll Music”

Words and music by Chuck Berry, produced by Phil and Leonard Chess. Reached #8 on the Billboard Pop charts and #6 on the rhythm and blues charts in 1957.

FORM: Contrasting verse-chorus, beginning with the chorus rather than the verse.

TIME SIGNATURE: 4/4, with a tendency toward shuffle.

INSTRUMENTATION: Electric guitar, acoustic bass, piano, drums, and lead guitar.

0:00–0:22	Chorus , 14 mm. + 2 mm. introduction	“Just let me hear . . .”
0:22–0:34	Verse 1 , 8 mm.	“I have no kick . . .”
0:34–0:54	Chorus , 14 mm.	“That’s why I go for that . . .”
0:55–1:06	Verse 2 , 8 mm.	“I took my lover over . . .”
1:06–1:26	Chorus , 14 mm.	“That’s why I go for that . . .”
1:26–1:38	Verse 3 , 8 mm.	“Way down south . . .”
1:38–1:58	Chorus , 14 mm.	“And started playin’ that . . .”
1:58–2:10	Verse 4 , 8 mm.	“Don’t care to hear ’em . . .”
2:10–2:30	Chorus , 14 mm.	“So I can that . . .”