February Album Writing Month

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20th Anniversary Activity Zine

A printable collection of games + puzzles to keep you busy while you’re waiting for January to frikkin’ be over...
Color It!

Sloan the sloth is rockin’ in the basement, laying down a slow jam rhythm track for a new 4-way collab.

Print out this page + fill it in with colors of your choice using crayons, markers, colored pencils, whatever!

Then take a picture of your handiwork + post it to social media with the hashtags #fawm + #fawmchallenge so fellow fawmers can find it!

Illustration by @redbuffalo
*** ACROSS ***
1. SoundCloud comment promising fame, fortune, and followers, e.g. (4)
2. Microbes; or the beginnings of many song ideas (5)
3. It's at the end (4)
4. Neither sharp nor flat (7)
5. Lead in to rock, rap, or country (3)
6. “Don't bore us, ___ the chorus!” (3,2)
7. Indian musical meter (4)
8. Lists after 28 days (6)
9. "Zong" for a song, e.g. (6)
10. Cape or fish (3)
11. Keeps checking FAWM.ORG after March (9)
12. Modern variety of Persian spoken in Afghanistan (4)
13. "But wait, there's more!" (4)
14. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" songwriter (4)
15. Fringe-tailed lizard, notably not named for a "Kill Bill" actress? (3,6)
16. Session trio? (4)
17. Like some fawmers' recording studios (4)
18. Mood; or a medium-large ukulele (5)
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20. "Don't bore us, ___ the chorus!" (3,2)
21. Hit by a dual Duran (3)
22. Vivid lyricism (7)
23. Eschew (4)
24. "Shred stick" (3)
25. Retro demo medium (8)
26. Like Helga, if she were a little ugly? (4)
27. Long [or] (5)
28. Like some fawmers' recording studios (4)
29. Mood; or a medium-large ukulele (5)
30. Mood; or a medium-large ukulele (5)
31. Eschew (4)
32. Like some fawmers' recording studios (4)
33. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" songwriter (4)
34. Fringe-tailed lizard, notably not named for a "Kill Bill" actress? (3,6)
35. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" songwriter (4)
36. Dialect of Old English (4,5)
37. "I like this song ___" (1,3)
38. "I like this song ___" (1,3)
39. Modern variety of Persian spoken in Afghanistan (4)
40. "But wait, there's more!" (4)
41. Important bone for most drummers (4)
42. It could be grand (5)
43. Attack from all sides (5)
44. "I like this song ___" (1,3)
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47. Like some fawmers' recording studios (4)
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57. It could be grand (5)
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59. Attack from all sides (5)
60. Spitting rhythms (10)
61. Form of flamenco (5)
62. Hold, as one's breath (4)
63. Form of flamenco (5)
64. "I like this song ___" (1,3)
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68. "I like this song ___" (1,3)
69. Sore spots (4)

*** DOWN ***
1. Native endonym for FAWM's fifth largest demographic (5)
2. "Every ___ you stake, I'll be watching you" (5)
3. "Ran at," but anagrammed (5)
4. Possible finish for 28 across (8,3)
5. Moody for big shows in Reno, for short (3)
6. "I like this song ___" (1,3)
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Lyric “Madlibz”  By @nancyrost

Enlist a friend, family member, or fellow fawmer. One of you asks the other to call out words (an adjective, noun, or whatever each slot calls for) + uses them to fill in the blanks below. The result is a new set of song lyrics!

Finally (if you want to), tweak these lyrics + set them to music for one of your FAWM songs + tag it #madlibchallenge!

Hey ______________, have you heard the ______________
Yeah the ______________ in this town have been ______________
Yeah, I ______________ it all in my ______________ ______________

________________ this town ‘cause you don’t ______________ them ______________

Oh, take a ______________, ______________ by ______________
Yeah, getting ______________, ______________, and ______________

(Chorus)
Getting ______________, ______________, and ______________
Yeah, ______________ ______________, ______________ ______________
I said ______________ ______________, ______________ ______________, yeah, yeah, yeah

Be a while, oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah

All you ______________ better ______________ your ______________
Yeah ______________ this town in a matter of ______________

________________ are ______________ ______________, you better ______________ them ______________
I seen ______________ running ______________ with someone ______________

The ______________ of a ______________ is a ______________ thing
Yeah, the way you ______________ them is a ______________
I tell you ______________ yeah, it won’t be long
Yeah, before these ______________, they all have ______________
Cable Maze...

Helga the duck just finished writing a song for a skirmish! But the studio floor is a big ol’ snakepit of instrument cables. Help her find a path from her guitar to her amp so she can cut a sweet demo + get it posted it to the FAWM website!
If you're familiar with Sudoku, here's a similar puzzle that uses the seven (7) unique shape notes from a musical scale, instead of nine (9) unique numbers...

The basic idea is the same: In the grid below, there is exactly one (1) of each shape note in every row, column, + zone (marked by the thick boundary lines). Use the existing notes as clues to figure out which notes are missing.

(This is known as a “7x7 Jigsaw Sudoku," in case you're curious...)

When you're done, try using the arrangement of notes from each row, column, or zone as part of a melody for a FAWM song + tag it #shapenotechallenge!

If you're not already familiar with “shape notes," here is the C major scale in shape notation (à la Wikipedia):

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\text{MI} & \text{FA} & \text{RE} \\
\text{TI} & \text{RE} & \text{DO} & \text{MI} \\
\text{SOL} & \text{RE} & \text{FA} & \text{LA} \\
\text{FA} & \text{MI} & \text{RE} \\
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Spoilers!

Here are the answers to the puzzles that actually have answers, in case you need them or you want to cheat. They’re upside down, though, in case that’s not clear.

You’re not a cheater, though, so...

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NO PEEKING!

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