



Aug 8

UK SINGLES

THIS WEEK	THIS WEEK	WEEK IN CHART	
1	1	(3)	GREEN DOOR, Shakin' Stevens, Epic ☒
2	4	(3)	HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Stevie Wonder, Motown
3	7	(3)	HOOKEE ON CLASSICS, Louis Clarke, RCA
4	3	(4)	CHRYST NO. 1, Spandau Ballet, Reformation/Chrysalis
5	2	(8)	GHOST TOWN, Specials, 2-Tone 0
6	6	(7)	CAN CAN, Bad Manners, Magnet ☒
7	15	(6)	WALK RIGHT NOW, Jacksons, Epic
8	11	(7)	FOR YOUR EYES ONLY, Sheena Easton, EMI
9	5	(6)	STARS ON 45 (VOL 2), Star Sound, CBS ☒
10	14	(4)	BACK TO THE SIXTIES, Tight fit, Jive
11	12	(9)	NEW LIFE, Depeche Mode, Mute
12	10	(10)	DANCING ON THE FLOOR, Third World, CBS
13	8	(13)	BODY TALK, Imagination, R&B
14	9	(4)	LAY ALL YOUR LOVE ON ME, Abba, Epic
15	23	(3)	GIRLS ON FILM, Duran Duran, EMI
16	24	(5)	SHOW ME, Dexy's Midnight Runners, Mercury
17	35	(2)	WATER ON GLASS BOYS, Kim Wilde, Rak
18	13	(5)	SAT IN YOUR LAP, Kate Bush, EMI
19	40	(2)	HOLD ON TIGHT, Electric Light Orchestra, Jet
20	25	(25)	BEACH BOY GOLD, Gidea Park, Sonet
21	21	(5)	VISAGE, Visage, Polydor
22	16	(8)	(YOU DON'T STOP) WORDY RAPPINGHOOD, Tom Tom Club, Island
23	18	(9)	NO WOMAN NO CRY, Bob Marley & The Wailers, Island ☒
24	17	(11)	YOU MIGHT NEED SOMEBODY, Randy Crawford Warner Bros
25	26	(7)	TAKE IT ON THE RUN, Red Speedwagon, Epic
26	20	(4)	NEVER SURRENDER, Saxon, Carrere
27	33	(3)	CARIBBEAN DISCO, Lobo, Polydor
28	28	(10)	SI SI HE SUIS UN ROCK STAR, Bill Wyman, Polydor
29	—	—	LOVE ACTION (I BELIEVE IN LOVE), Human League, Virgin
30	30	(7)	I'M IN LOVE, Evelyn King, RCA
31	22	(12)	ONE DAY IN YOUR LIFE, Michael Jackson, Motown 0
32	49	(2)	BACKFIRED, Debbie Harry, Chrysalis
33	19	(5)	MOTORHEAD (LIVE), Motorhead, Bronze
34	47	(2)	STARTRAX CLUB DISCO, Various, Pickys
35	34	(4)	SHE'S BAD MAMA JAMA, Carl Carlton, 20th Century
36	51	(2)	WUNDERBAR, Tenpole Tudor, Stiff
37	44	(2)	ARABIAN NIGHTS, Siouxsie & The Banshees, Polydor
38	38	(9)	MEMORY, Elaine Paige, Chrysalis ☒
39	—	—	FIRE, U2, Island
40	37	(3)	I LOVE YOU, YES I LOVE YOU, Eddy Grant, Ice/Ensign
41	45	(3)	JULIE OCEAN, Undertones, CBS
42	27	(10)	GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS, Odyssey, RCA ☒
43	39	(4)	DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY, Vengues, Mercury
44	41	(3)	TEMPTED, Squeeze, A&M
45	62	(2)	TAINTED LOVE, Sott Cell, Bizzare
46	66	(2)	WE'RE ALMOST THERE, Michael Jackson, Motown
47	73	(2)	(COVER PLUS) WE'RE ALL GROWN UP, Hazel O'Connor, Albion
48	29	(2)	RAZZAMATAZZ, Quincy Jones, A&M
49	52	(3)	STORM TROOPER IN DRAG, Paul Gardiner/Gary Numan, Beggars Banquet
50	42	(4)	ON THE BEAT, B. B. & Q Band, Capitol
51	43	(5)	COMPUTER LOVE/THE MODEL, Kraftwerk, EMI
52	—	—	I LOVE MUSIC, Enigma, Creole
53	69	(2)	LAWNCHAIRS, Our Daughter's Wedding, EMI-America
54	—	—	ONE IN TEN, UB40, Dep International
55	50	(3)	THE REAL THING, Brothers Johnson, A&M
56	56	(5)	JIMMIE JONES, Vapors, Liberty
57	74	(2)	LADY (YOU BRING ME UP), Commodores, Motown
58	48	(3)	BRAZILIAN DAWN, Shakatak, Polydor
59	60	(6)	ROCK 'N' ROLL DREAM COME TRUE, Jim Steinman, Epic/Cleveland
60	—	—	JAPANESE BOY, Aneka, Hansa
61	58	(14)	STAND AND DELIVER, Adam & The Ants, CBS
62	32	(9)	THERE'S A GUY WORKS DOWN . . . Kirsty McColl, Polydor
63	70	(2)	LOVE'S MADE A FOOL OF YOU, Matchbox, Magnet
64	—	—	INSIDE OUTSIDE, Classix Nouveaux, Liberty
65	31	(8)	CAN'T HAPPEN HERE, Rainbow, Polydor
66	—	—	TURN IT ON, Level 32, Polydor
67	—	—	YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HI Gloss Epic
68	57	(4)	A PROMISE, Echo & The Bunnymen, Korova
69	—	—	RAINY NIGHT IN GEORGIA, Randy Crawford, WB
70	56	(5)	HEAVEN & HELL, Vangelis, BBC
71	—	—	TROUBLE BOYS, Thin Lizzy, Vertigo
72	—	—	DRAW OF THE CARDS, Kim Carnes, EMI-America
73	65	(10)	ALL STOOD STILL, Ultravox, Chrysalis ☒
74	38	(9)	THROW AWAY THE KEY, Linx, Chrysalis
75	54	(3)	TEDDY BEAR'S LAST RIDE, Diana Williams, Capitol

— Sister Sledge (No 34).



Shakin' Stevens' cover of the 1956 Glen Mason / Frankie Vaughan hit 'Green Door' glided effortlessly to No 1 last week from its debut position of No 22. In the 29-year history of the British charts only one record — The Beatles' 'Hey Jude' in 1968 — has climbed further to reach the summit.

A complete list of records which have climbed from outside the Top 15 to No 1 in a single leap: 27 to 1: 'Hey Jude' — Beatles (Sep 14, 1968); 27 to 1: 'Green Door' — Shakin' Stevens (Aug 1, 1981); 21 to 1: '(Just Like) Starting Over' — John Lennon (Dec 20, 1980); 19 to 1: '(If Paradise Is) Half As Nice' — Amen Corner (Feb 15, 1969); 'Love Me For A Reason' — Osmonds (Aug 31, 1974); 17 to 1: 'Get Off My Cloud' — Rolling Stones (Nov 6, 1965); 16 to 1: 'I Hear You Knocking' — Dave Edmunds (Nov 28, 1970); 'Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep' — Middle Of The Road (Jun 19, 1971); 'Young Love' — Donny Osmond (Aug 25, 1973); 'Dancing Queen' — Abba (Sep 4, 1976).

There have, of course, also been many records which made their chart debuts at No 1 — the most recent 'Stand And Deliver' by Adam & The Ants on June 6 this year — but these have been well documented in previous Chartfiles.



When it first entered the BMRB charts at No 60 on February 18, 1978 and promptly disappeared the following week there could be few chart observers willing to bet that Meat Loaf's 'Bat Out Of Hell' album would go on to spend over three years in the chart and achieve multi-plantinum status. But that's just what it has done.

After its shaky start the album returned to the chart on April 4, 1978 and stayed there for 32 weeks spawning three hit singles; 'You Took The Words Right Out Of My Mouth' (No 33), 'Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad' (No 32) and the title track which, with the help of a blood-red vinyl 12-incher, peaked at No 15.

Four more times it made the charts and four more times it dropped out until on 23 December 1978, it returned for its seventh, as yet unbroken, chart run adding a further 136 weeks to its weeks on chart, bringing its grand total to 174. Amazingly 'Bat' has never made the Top 10, peaking at No 11 on 3 June 1978 and 24 February 1979. Last week it moved up to No 12, and, as its sales continue to hold up in a collapsing market it may yet snatch a well-deserved top ten placing.

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