

# Three minute song

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My people rang me up a coupla weeks ago,  
Yeah I've got people, and a phone, and a grasp on the passage of time  
Yeah they rang me up, said, "Tim, will you go on Ruth Jones' show?"  
They want you to sing a song, it'll be fine, fine, fine.

But the problem with my particular oeuvre  
Is that half my songs are five minutes and over  
And the wisdom here at the BBC  
Is that viewers switch off if you go past three

And a lot of my songs have a bit of bad language  
Which causes the viewers untold anguish  
It seems their tolerance for smuttiness is reserved  
For pussy puns on Are You Being Served?

And so I...

Need a song that only goes for three minutes  
Without no bums nor blasphemy in it  
A lovely little song specifically written  
For the delicate skin of middle-class Britain

I need a song with a chorus and a verse  
Without no nasty-ass cussin and a-cursin  
I'm a little too lewd and a little too long  
I gotta find myself a three minute song

And they said  
Remember boy that music is like love-making:  
It's simply self-indulgent to take it past 3 minutes.  
Remember boy that music is like love-making:  
Everybody loves a pianist, but length must have a limit.

So you

Need a song that only goes for three minutes  
Without no pornography or politics in it  
You're a little verbose and a little bit wrong  
You gotta find yourself a clean-livin, three minute song

300 beats at 100 beats a minute  
With nice clean jokes and a hoedown in it.  
Something for the telly that never ever fails  
To appease the viewers of BBC Wales

And even in the bridge  
I won't be lyrically adventurous  
Intellectually unmentionous  
Or racially contentious  
And I won't make double entendres at the expense of the Chinese  
For China is a country that can bring me to my knees  
For China  
For China  
For China  
For China  
For China is a cunt-ry, that will bring us to our knees.

Ooh Mr Humphries, my pussy is all wet.

Two, three, four (skin)

I need a little happy clappy country song  
Nice and repetitive and not too long  
Boring enough but not too boring  
With a key change here to prevent me snoring

I need a song that is only three minutes  
Without no buggery or blasphemy in it  
Something with a pleasing rhyme and rhythm  
Well if you can't beat 'em, get conservative with 'em

I need a song that causes no offense  
To flog more tickets to my concerts  
By convincing the viewer that musical satire  
Hasn't progressed since Victor Borge  
You've got a telly and I wanna be in it  
And apparently you'll only watch for 3 minutes  
Yeah apparently you'll only watch for 3...