In a lot of sports towns, cheesy old fight songs are sung with pride-- transcending their gimmicky, promotional origins to become enduring anthems of a team's success. Unfortunately, the tune's a tad different in Cleveland, where fifty years of sunken dreams have left us with a sports soundtrack rife with desperation and unintentional comedy. Sure, we can still hum along to all the classic Indians, Browns, and Cavs theme songs, and we might even secretly love a few of them. But when it comes down to it, we know that catching "Indians Fever" is actually a bad thing—akin to the plague in some respects. And while we all certainly chant "Here We Go Again" during Browns games, it is rarely uttered in the manner Michael Stanley intended.

On the bright side, Cleveland's diverse jukebox of original sports jams does serve as a pretty good window into our shared past—both on the field and in the stands. Each song belongs to its time, written to appeal to its own simplified nugget of pop culture history. So, predictably, we got a little funkier in the '70s, synthier in the '80s, and shittier in the 2000s. But why get ahead of ourselves? Please enjoy the official Evolution of Cleveland Sports Fight Songs, featuring mp3s of the Grammy-winning recordings themselves.

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