1. A friend of mine gave me a small wooden instrument he called a kakau. Does it have a different name? (I’m having trouble pronouncing kakau!)

2. Who were the original Ink Spots?

3. I’d like a list of the publications of the College Music Society.

4. What is a pastiche song?
5. I need a biography of William Mathias. I need his birth and death dates. Also, what did he have to do with Princess Diana?

6. When did Muddy Waters die? What is his connection to the Rolling Stones?

7. A patron will be traveling to Wales. He has heard about Welsh music celebrations called eisteddford. Is this a plural word? Where is the international Eisteddford held?

8. A student wants some articles about the Saami yoiker, Wimme. He’s a great musician!

9. What was the original name for the song popularly known as “Mack the Knife”?

10. My father-in-law collects early jazz recordings. He wants some information on Gennett discs.
11. When and where is the annual Judy Garland fest?

12. I would like information on the Red River jib and fiddling among the Metis, mixed-heritage First Nations people of Canada.

13. I would like to read something about claquers.

14. Where can I work on a master’s of music degree in music therapy?

15. Did ZZ Top ever perform at the University of Texas at Austin?

16. I work in a small public library where our patrons include many retired people who regularly visit the Hawaiian islands. I would like to add some books on Hawaiian music. What would you suggest?

17. A student would like an abstract of Robert Lancefield’s thesis on traditional music of the Navajo.
18. I need a list of summer music camps in Minnesota

19. What was the name of the band Vince Gill had in high school?

20. I need some brief biographical information about Cornbread Singer with a brief discography.

21. Did Andy Griffith ever star in a musical?

22. I need a list of Texas companies the provide tour buses for musicians.

23. I’m a new reference librarian and I need to conduct an evaluation of our music serials collection. Can you help me find a core list of journals?

24. I want to make a list of discographies of popular musicians. I’m thinking of compiling a discography of my favorite female singer, Allison Krause.
25. Someone is interested in collecting songs about mustard.

26. A theology student wants to trace the history of a particular hymn called “Crisis.”

27. I would like a list of Laurie Anderson’s major performances, recordings, and writings by and about her.

28. What is the origin of the song, “Yes! We Have No Bananas”?

29. What is a c’osame? I heard that there’s one in the collection of the National Museum of the American Indian.

30. A patron would like to see some recent publications about music copyright.
31. I want to know dates and locations for upcoming annual conferences of the Music Library Association.

32. I’m writing a short paper on Mel Torme. What was his connection to the Marx Brothers? How many times was Mel Torme married?

33. I’m working on a public library centennial celebration, planned for 2003. What were some musical events in 1903?

34. What’s the name of the longest surviving Maori reggae band?

35. A public library patron would like to know what la bomba is.

36. I would like a bibliographic essay--and analysis of what’s been written--about Portuguese music.

37. I would like information about the folk song, “The Red River Valley.” Is this song about the Red River Valley in Texas?
38. I’m taking my son to his first opera. We are going to see “Nerone.” We’d like to see a list of the cast plus a brief description of each act.

39. A patron wants a list of available recordings by Frank Sinatra.

40. I need a brief biographical sketch of Isabella Birchell, 18th century English soprano. I heard that she disappeared after a performance. Is this true?

41. Who were the original members of the King’s Singers?

42. I need information on the theme song of “Malcolm in the Middle.” Who wrote the words and music to “Boss of Me”? Who plays it in the TV show?

43. What were the names of the singers in the group called, The Primettes?

44. What was jazz musician Victor Feldman’s connection to the Generation Band?
45. Tom Jones is associated with the song, “It’s Not Unusual.” Did this song win any awards?

46. Was singer Toby Keith ever a cowboy?

47. I would like a list of songs about specific cities.

48. I met someone who was related to Fidgey McGrath. How was Fidgey related to jazz musician, Victor Feldman?

49. Are any music festivals scheduled in Pleven, Bulgaria in 2003?

50. Our school wants to stage “Fiddler on the Roof.” What vocal range should our soloists have in order to sing the parts?
51. Was the opera, “Dialogues of the Carmelites,” based on a real event?

52. I’d like an overview of the origins and development of the electric guitar.

53. A Slim Whitman fan wants to know more about the song, “Indian Love Call.” What operetta was it associated with? Who wrote the lyrics?

54. I would like an article on how composers have been influenced by the writings of Edgar Allen Poe.

55. I would like to see a good photograph of a wind machine.

56. What was the first opera performed in New Orleans?

57. A student is interested in knowing more about the group that first recorded, “Whiter Shade of Pale.” What was the name of the group? When did they break up?
58. A public library patron would like to read some articles on collecting sheet music.

59. A patron would like a list of mobile disc jockeys in the Austin area.

Questions for all students:

60. Identify an actual reference request related to some aspect of this discipline. How would you answer this question? What resource(s) would you use?

61. Locate an Internet source related to this discipline. This source may be an electronic discussion list, electronic journal or newsletter, or web page. Be prepared to describe, briefly, the content of the source and indicate how you might use it in a reference situation. You may want to demonstrate the site.