

TTPD - Solution

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The full album title is “The Tortured Poets Department” and the puzzle idea is suggested by interpreting the *Tortured Poets* part as a cryptic clue for anagramming a poet’s name. We actually do a transaddition (add a letter and anagram) from each poet’s last name to a word clued under each picture. A short piece of well-known poetry by each poet is also included. The ordering is gotten by pairing up the 18 images with the given 18 song titles from Taylor Swift’s album. When all of this is put together as shown in the table below, it clues **PAPER RINGS LINE FOUR**. The fourth line of Taylor Swift’s song Paper Rings is “*Now I’ve read all of the books beside your bed*” and solvers can find the next puzzle amongst a stack of poetry books beside one of the beds in the house.

The poets who wrote the “INSPIRATIONS”, given in alphabetical order mostly by last name, are: Maya Angelou, WH Auden, Dante Alighieri, John Donne, TS Eliot, Robert Frost, Homer, John Keats, John Milton, Ogden Nash, Pablo Neruda, Rumi, Dr. Seuss, Dylan Thomas, Oscar Wilde, and William Butler Yeats.

The pictures, in order reading left-to-right, top to-bottom, clue the tracks: The Tortured Poets Department, I Can Fix Him (No Really I Can), Fresh Out the Slammer, The Smallest Man Who Ever Lived, The Alchemy, Guilty as Sin?, Florida!!! (featuring Florence and the Machine), Down Bad, Clara Bow, But Daddy I Love Him, My Boy Only Breaks His Favorite Toys, The Manuscript, Fortnight (featuring Post Malone), “So Long, London”, lomi, The Bolter, Who’s Afraid of Little Old me?, and I Can Do It with a Broken Heart.

Song (in Track List order)	Clue given with Picture	Answer	Matching Poet	Extra Letter
Fortnight	Occasion for eating hamentaschen	PURIM	RUMI	P
The Tortured Poets Department	Biologically speaking, what a fly’s wing is to a bird’s wing	ANALOGUE	ANGELOU	A
My Boy Only Breaks His Favorite Toys	Former longtime USO headliner, formally	MR. HOPE	HOMER	P
Down Bad	Is arboreal	LIVES IN TREES	SILVERSTEIN	E
So Long, London	Hamilton or Hamill	SKATER	KEATS	R
But Daddy I Love Him	_____ People (fictional Amazonian tribe who lived in harmony with a benevolent Kaiju)	MOTHRAS	THOMAS	R
Fresh Out the Slammer	Frequent performer of Burt and Hal’s songs in the 1960s	DIONNE	DONNE	I
Florida!!! (featuring Florence and the Machine)	Any of about a dozen historical citadels that survive in good condition in Russia today	KREMLIN	KILMER	N
Guilty as Sin?	_____ loose (remains calm)	HANGS	NASH	G
Who’s Afraid of Little Old Me?	Holds and uses a weapon	WIELDS	WILDE	S
I Can Fix Him (No Really I Can)	Pertaining to teeth	DENTAL	DANTE	L
lomi	Adjective describing a series pilot that is not shown on tv	UNAIED	NERUDA	I
I Can Do It with a Broken Heart	Meddlers, gossips	YENTAS	YEATS	N
The Smallest Man Who Ever Lived	What the trees obscure for some folks?	FOREST	FROST	E
The Alchemy	Pays undue attention to small details; worries	FUSSES	SEUSS	F
Clara Bow	Illuminated by a glow that’s considered particularly romantic	MOONLIT	MILTON	O
The Manuscript	What a rogue data point might do with respect to a cluster of other data points	OUTLIE	ELIOT	U
The Bolter	"I know that the last thing a book wants is to just sit around _____, serving as an element of interior decorating." --Ehrenreich	UNREAD	AUDEN	R

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