

More on Music and Using the Music App

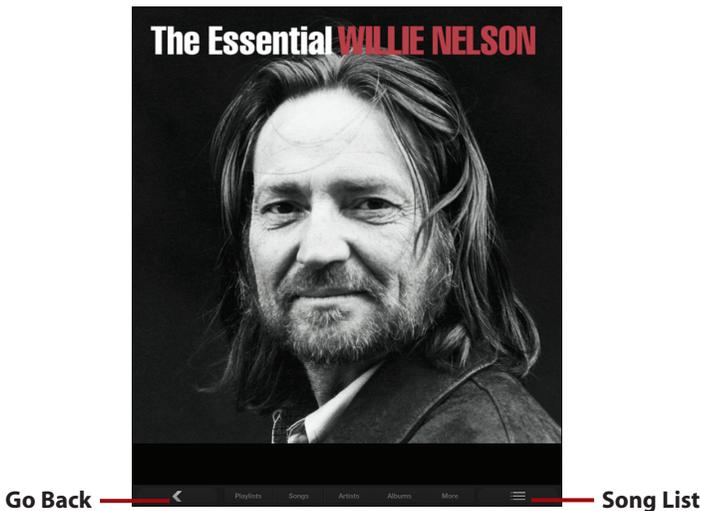
I covered all sorts of ways to use the Music app in the book, but here are a few things we couldn't make room for that'll let you go even further.

Music Formats

The two most common kinds of music files that the iPad can play are called AAC and MP3. Although they have different names and attributes, they both provide a way for you to listen to music on the go. The iTunes Store sells music in the AAC format, while other stores offer MP3s. Whichever you buy, don't worry—both work on the iPad.

Playing Music with Full-Screen Art

When you're playing a song or album in Music, if you want to get a full-screen view of the album cover, you can tap the tiny version of the cover in the top right. When you do that, most of the controls stay the same as in the last section, but there are two different buttons:



- **Go Back**—Want to go back to the list of albums or songs that you came to this screen from so you can choose something new? Tap the back (arrow) button.
- **Song List**—Want to see a list of all the songs on this album so you can see what's coming up or choose a different one? Tap this button and the full list of songs will appear.

Genius Playlists

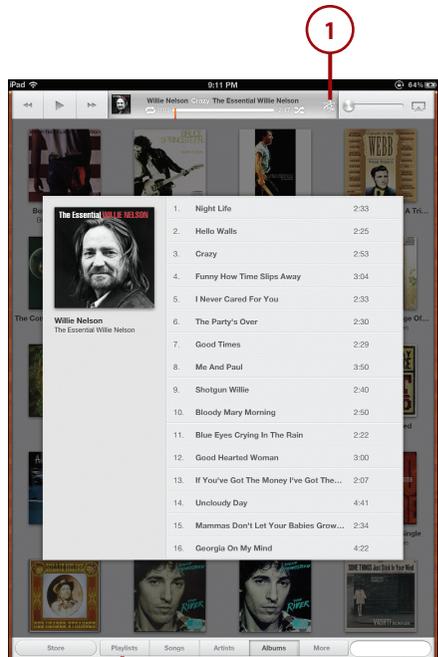
A Genius playlist is a cool feature that uses the smarts of iTunes and the iPad to create playlists that sound great together using the music on your iPad. The Music app can do this because millions of iTunes users share what music they like and don't like with Apple. By using that information, Apple can see patterns and make an educated guess that if you like one song, you're going to like some others.

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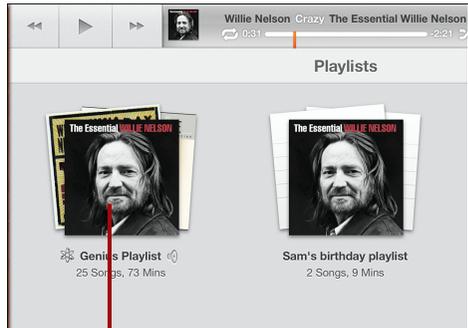
Making a Genius Playlist

To find out if Genius lives up to its name, you have to start with a song. Find one that you like and start playing it on your iPad. Then follow these steps:

1. Once the song has started, tap the Genius button. You can keep listening to the song or pause it.
2. Tap the Playlists button.
3. Along with any other playlists you've created you'll see one called "Genius Playlist." It shows the cover art for the song you selected. Tap that to see what songs the app has added to the playlist.
4. If you don't like the look of the playlist, tap Refresh to get a new set of songs related to the first one you chose.
5. If Genius has done its job and you like the playlist so much you want to save it, tap Save. From there, you can edit the playlist, as discussed earlier in this chapter in the section "Making a Playlist."



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