

Dawn of the Beatles era

The Beatles first entered the singles chart 50 years ago on October 13, 1962 – *Love Me Do* debuted at number 49, eventually rising to a high of 17

No. 2: Feb 23, 1963 (disputed figure)

No. 1: May 4, 1963 (first official No. 1)

1 (chart position)

Please Please Me
18 weeks

No. 1 in every chart except official *Record Retailer*

From Me To You
21 weeks

No. 17: Dec 29, 1962

Love Me Do
18 weeks

No. 23:
Apr 20, 1963

No. 45:
Jan 19, 1963

No. 44:
Feb 9, 1963

No. 42:
May 18, 1963

No. 44: Sep 7, 1963

No. 49: Oct 13, 1962

No. 48:
Jun 8, 1963

Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

Oct 5, 1962: *Love Me Do* released in UK

Drums: Early pressings of single feature **Ringo Starr** while later pressings, and version on *Please Please Me* album use session drummer **Andy White**, with Starr demoted to tambourine

My Bonnie, by **Tony Sheridan and The Beatles**, recorded in Hamburg in 1961, charted for one week after *Beatles* became famous