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## **Is Donda a Favorite?**

### **WHAT IS DONDA?**

West released his 10th studio album, [Donda](#), successfully incorporating hip hop and gospel RNB. The album is named after his mother, [Donda West](#), who passed away in 2007. Donda is almost 2 hours long, having 27 songs for everyone to enjoy. The addition of other artists helped the album as well; [Fivio Foreign](#): a New York favorite since 2019. [Lil Durk](#): Chicago native, and [Playboi Carti](#): Atlanta native.

### **NOT A FAVORITE..**

Starting off, [Donda Chant](#) was not my favorite track. The track consists of no instrumental beat but with just the chant of “Donda” repeating 58 times. I was confused and turned off very quickly because I did not understand why nor thought much of it. Journalist Joshua Robinson [changed my perspective](#) by explaining that the rhythm of the chant symbolizes Donda's last heartbeat and that she was 58 when she passed. Considering this album was named after Ye’s mother and how [vocal](#) he has been about her in the past whether in songs or interviews, it started to make sense to me.

### **NOT TALKING ABOUT THE WEATHER...**

[Hurricane](#), featuring [The Weeknd](#) and [Lil Baby](#), easily became a favorite on the first listen. The Weeknd sets the tone with a sad chorus then transitioning to Lil Baby rapping. Lil Baby's verse would have to be my favorite because I felt his flow makes you feel the song before leading up to Kanye rapping about his struggles. West starts off his verse with, "Mm-mm-mm-mm-mm" I take that as West going back and forth with himself. He goes off [mentioning](#) his [divorce](#) and never being home with his wife and kids. All 3 of these artists ended up mixing well together. They were all able to evoke sadness the way the song was intended.

### **YOU BREATHED, I BREATHED...**

[God Breathed](#) starts off with West repeating, "[I know God breathed on this](#)" and then follows up with "I know He got His hands on this. I know we got a chance on this. No, I never planned on this." We are able to do anything under the guidance from God, not knowing what is ahead. The beat transitions beautifully to [Vory](#)'s verse which captures the song really well. There were chills when he sang "I inhaled and breathed." The echo and bass behind "Breathed", emphasized the tone of the song. Although the song is 5 minutes long, it felt as if it was dragged out for the last 2 minutes.