Music Classification in the Digital Age

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As music settles into its new digital existence, and information about music is more abundant than ever, we should take stock of the various ways music is organized and tagged online and decide whether and how to use this information to improve traditional music classification, especially with regard to popular music genres.

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