

Song of the Weekend

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This week's bonus "Song of the Weekend" is Oww!!!, from the Apogee Software cult classic, "Rise of the Triad."

Oww!!! has a dual history. It started off as a joke, written before I even got involved in doing music for "Rise of the Triad." I was playing around with a "tracker" program that used samples instead of a MIDI program (said tracker being MultiTracker, using the .MTM format). Allow me to quote the history posted by Leonardo Luque on a YouTube page for the resulting .MTM file:

"This was written as a joke, plain and simple. When I was messing around with MIDI and MODs during my days in the tech room, I'd sometimes bring up a file and get the other guys' opinions on it. I also liked to collect WAVs that people had ripped from movies, TV, and the like, and play them at inopportune moments as commentary on the other techs' calls.

"This MTM file uses a sample from "Blazing Saddles" - the one where Slim Pickens gets hit over the head with a shovel (insert big clang effect here) and yells, "Oww!". The song starts off seriously: enough so that I had the techs thinking this was yet another try at level music. However, when the intro ended, Slim and the shovel stepped in to drop the punch line.

"The joke had Joe Siegler rolling on the floor when I played it for him. In fact, it went over so well that I wound up converting the main idea of the song into a MIDI file, which was used in 'Rise Of The Triad.' Unfortunately, Slim and the shovel didn't survive the translation."

Here is the link to Leonardo's post of OWW.MTM (the recording on YouTube):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePUUGB-LEMk>

As I mentioned in the above, Slim and the shovel were replaced by guitar and synth lines in the resulting MIDI file used in "Rise of the Triad." There's even a twangy guitar solo in the middle of the song. This is followed by a synth duet that wraps things up before the loop.

With that, here's the link to the MIDI version of Oww!!! I hope you'll enjoy both versions, and I thank you for voting!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xeyCgAe66k>