

THE BEATLES' "I'M ONLY SLEEPING"

Illustrating the differences among the 4 official studio mixes

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1 = UK Mono (Parlophone PMC 7009 *Revolver* 1966), mixed 6 June 1966*
3 = US Mono (Capitol T 2553 *Yesterday & Today* 1966), mixed 12 May 1966†

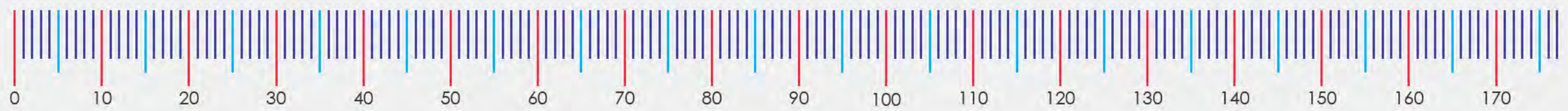
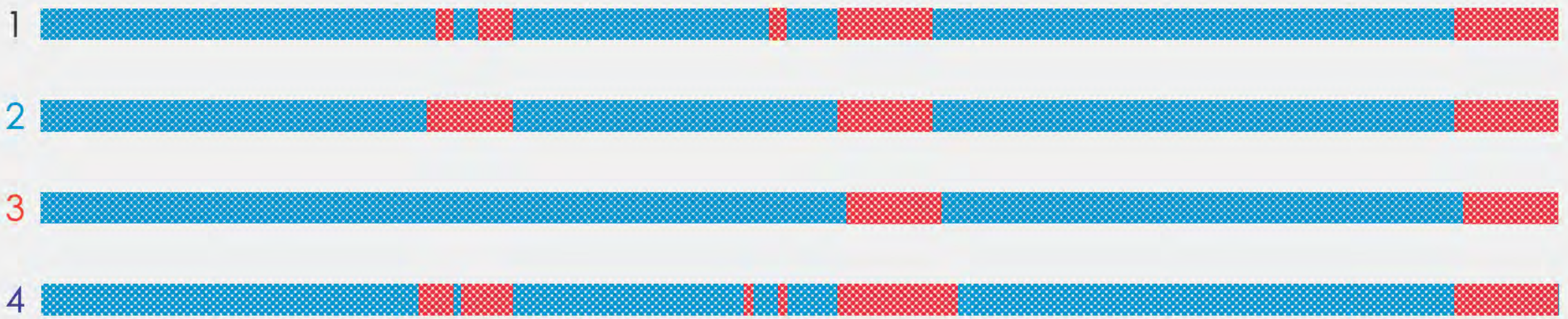
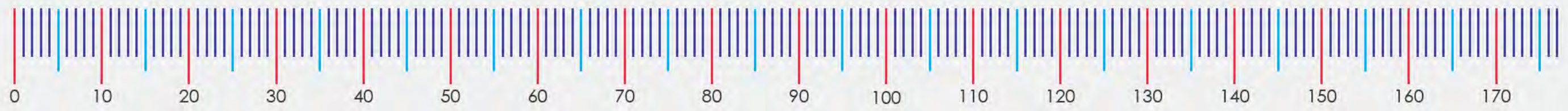
2 = UK Stereo (Parlophone PCS 7009 *Revolver* 1966), mixed 20 May 1966**
4 = US Stereo (Capitol ST 2553 *Yesterday & Today* some later issues, ca.1973), mixed 20 May 1966

*Also released on *The Beatles Mono Box Set*, CD EMI 699 4512 (2009)
†Also released on *The U.S. Albums*, US Capitol B0019645-02 (2014)
Yesterday and Today, US Capitol B0019708-02 (2014)

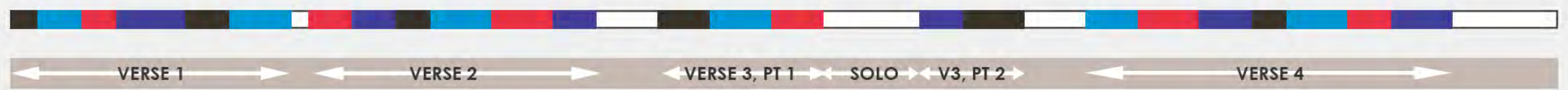
**Also released on US Capitol SHAL-12060 *Rarities* (1980)
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An alleged 5th version, the so-called French EP mix, is really [1]
A mock stereo mix was made from [3] in 1966 & used on the 1st issue of US Capitol *Yesterday & Today*

TIME IN SECONDS → = Backwards Guitar = No Backwards Guitar



LYRICS → Colors correspond to lyrics text color. = Instrumental break or solo



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| <p>1. When I wake up early in the morning,
Lift my head, I'm still yawning.
When I'm in the middle of a dream,
Stay in bed; float upstream (float upstream).
Please don't wake me; no, don't shake me,
Leave me where I am; I'm only sleeping.</p> <p>2. Everybody seems to think I'm lazy;
I don't mind; I think they're crazy.
Running everywhere at such a speed,
Till they find there's no need (there's no need).
Please don't spoil my day; I'm miles away,
And after all, I'm only sleeping.</p> | <p>3.1 Keeping an eye on the world going by my window,
Taking my time, lying there & staring at the ceiling,
Waiting for a sleepy feeling.</p> <p>3.2 Please don't spoil my day; I'm miles away,
and after all, I'm only sleeping.</p> <p>4. Keeping an eye on the world going by my window,
Taking my time,
when I wake up early in the morning,
Lift my head, I'm still yawning.
When I'm in the middle of a dream,
Stay in bed; float upstream (float upstream).
Please don't wake me; no, don't shake me,
Leave me where I am; I'm only sleeping.</p> |
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NOTES

- Verse 1: No backwards guitar (BG) on any mix
Verse 2: [1] BG on "-where at such a speed" and "there's no need"
[2] BG on "everywhere at such a speed" and "find there's no need"
[3] No BG
[4] BG on "running everywhere at such a speed" and "till they find there's no need"
Verse 3: [1] BG on "staring at the ceiling"
[2] No BG
[3] No BG
[4] BG on "time" and "ceiling"

- Solo: [1] Guitar ends at end of solo
[2] Same as [1]
[3] Guitar continues into words "please don't" at end of solo
[4] Guitar fades in 2 bars later, continues into "please"
Verse 4: No BG on any mix
End: [1] Guitar starts immediately after last word "sleeping"
[2] Same as [1]
[3] Guitar starts 4 beats after the last word "sleeping"
[4] Same as [1]