My Favourite YouTube Videos of Greyson Chance

(in chronological order)

1 Stars (recorded at home, May 2010)

Because I consider this song, written by a twelve-year-old, one of the finest: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emblM4a76jg

2 Broken Hearts (The Ellen-Show, May 2010)

Because his career is taking off properly here and he shows real joy: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwNjMJKway0&ob=av3e

3 Within The Lights (at YouTube Headquarters, San Francisco, August 2010) Because this is a song for the Olympian gods – and we are allowed to share in it (background noise by YouTube):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljDbbl69rFU

4 Fire (Toronto, September 2010)

Because it is a prime example of considerable self-assurance to perform before 18,000 spectators for the first time and to handle them so masterfully: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7SuhCWfrv0

5 Empire State Of Mind (New York, November 2010)

Because I find it impressive how a small-town boy presents New Yorkers with a song about New York:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= GaGIQUIj5k

6 Paparazzi (Paris, December 2010)

Because this is an especially sensitive interpretation of his YouTube debut song: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImrwMSdxdDg

7 Waiting Outside The Lines (official video, December 2010)

Because I consider this the best of his official videos – I especially like the rain scene: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= AU1yyy At4

8 Unfriend You + Waiting Outside The Lines (Maryland, February 2011)

Because here he performed especially energetically on his first concert tour, opening for Miranda Cosgrove:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3u5kJZAJyY

9 Cheyenne (Billboard, August 2011)

Because I deem this interpretation unsurpassable on account of its unstudied intensity: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5E45xm6gCDk

10 The Edge Of Glory (Lancaster, Pennsylvania, August 2011)

Because he seems to be dancing along while playing and because he presents a stirring performance:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIRLMQ9pEbs

11 You and I (at home, September 2011)

Because I have special affection for this cover version that creates a pulling effect through accelerated play:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2PZEbLNggE

12 Hard To Handle (at home, September 2011)

Because he gives free vent to his emotions and imparts a jazzy note to his play for the first time:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwXML9I0GSq

13 Purple Sky (Washington, D.C., October 2011)

Because I deem this interpretation of an exceptional song one of his best (more on this in the first article on p. 5 and in the genius article, also on p. 5):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= qC-NFuAn-U

14 Summer Train (Moline, Illinois, October 2011)

Because I had to wait a long time for a live interpretation of this song and because GC sparkles with charm at the end:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLzFmmMkNN8

15 Unfriend You (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 2011)

Because I regard this as the most brilliant live performance of this wonderfully rock-oriented song:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= vhnlnpAwBQ

16 Home Is In Your Eyes (Singapore, November 2011)

Because the slow blues-style rhythms he lines his song with are highly unusual for a fourteenyear-old and because he maintains total spontaneous control of them without paying special attention:

http://www.voutube.com/watch?v=QJK U-UFYL0

17 Cheyenne (Singapore, November 2011)

Because this is another great version of the song and the many variations compared to the above version (9) demonstrate his playfully light handling of music:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GI4BrEEUUq4

18 Waiting Outside The Lines (Singapore, November 2011)

Because this is one of his most intense and mature interpretations, clearly moving from pop to rock: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RN7Et5qT2rE

19 My Way (at home, February 2012)

Because he offers a musically modernized version and barely one before has performed this song so authentically and with so much respect (more on this in the second article on p. 2): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wW8dEi7qQ1U

20 Pumped Up Kicks (Manila, April 2012)

Because he serves up a genuine spectacle with this cover version (more on this in the second article on p. 4):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cG2-4gwTIBU

21 Rolling In The Deep (Vancouver, August 2012)

Because it is a wonderful version of Adele's song: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTQUkXsME44

22 Sunshine & City Lights (Vancouver, August 2012)

Because he wonderfully re-interprets this song from his EP with a darker voice: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45LSCh8kM7E

23 Crazy (Singapore, November 2012)

Because he delivers this in his most mature voice so far, inducing a quantity of goose-flesh: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRMn6Sym394

24 Take My Heart (Manila, November 2012)

Because Greyson is in top form (but caution: the optical quality is bad): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFsiQvXOSpw

25 Landslide (Los Angeles, AwesomenessTV, November 2012)

Because his version of this song is so beautiful that I could go on listening to it forever: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShMAI1o4YUA

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