

The Lord of the Rings – The Return of the King
OST/Complete Recordings Breakdown and Comparison

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Abbreviations

ROTK – Return of the King

OST – Original soundtrack album

TC – Theatrical cut

EE – Extended edition

CR – Complete Recordings

ROTK OST 1 – A Storm is Coming

0:00-1:37	=	CR D1 T1	0:00-1:37	<i>CR - There is an extra string overdub at 0:22-0:30</i>
1:38-1:54	=	CR D1 T1	2:13-2:30	
1:54-2:03	=	CR D1 T1	2:01-2:13	
2:03-2:52	=	CR D1 T1	3:45-4:45	<i>OST- Heavily (and quite cleverly) edited</i>

ROTK OST 2 – Hope and Memory

0:00-0:20	=	CR D1 T11	0:00-0:20	
0:20-1:25	=	CR D1 T11	0:41-1:47	
1:25-1:45	alt.of	CR D1 T11	1:47-2:18	<i>OST - an intermediate version of this piece. The TC uses a shorter version; the EE and CR use a longer version</i>

ROTK OST 3 – Minas Tirith

0:00-0:28	=	CR D2 T1	0:00-0:28	
0:28-0:51	=	CR D2 T1	0:38-1:03	
0:51-0:54	=	CR D2 T1	1:31-1:33	
0:54-1:08	=	CR D2 T1	4:06-4:20	
1:08-1:37	=	CR D2 T1	4:41-5:13	<i>OST - Slight edit at start of this section</i>
1:37-1:53	=	CR D2 T1	6:28-6:45	
1:53-2:02	=	CR D2 T1	6:58-7:09	
2:02-2:35	=	CR D2 T1	7:51-8:24	
2:35-3:37	=	CR D1 T12	4:43-5:40	

ROTK OST 4 – The White Tree

0:00-0:20	=	CR D1 T11	5:40-6:01	
0:20-0:45	=	CR D1 T13	0:00-0:26	
0:45-1:24	alt.of	CR D1 T15	2:34-3:13	<i>OST - Minor differences in performance</i>
1:24-1:33	=	CR D1 T15	0:51-1:02	
1:33-3:25	alt. of	CR D1 T15	3:53-5:41	<i>OST - Alternate earlier version</i>

ROTK OST 5 – The Steward of Gondor

0:00-3:53	=	CR D2 T4	0:00-3:53	
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ROTK OST 6 – Minas Morgul

0:00-0:57	=	CR D1 T14	5:46-6:44	
0:57-1:05	=	CR D1 T14	6:56-7:04	

1:05-1:58	=	CR D1 T14	7:27-8:27	<i>OST - Minor edit towards end</i>
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ROTK OST 7 – The Ride of the Rohirrim

0:00-0:52	=	CR D2 T6	0:00-1:05	<i>OST - End section edited</i>
0:52-2:08	=	CR D2 T11	0:26-1:39	

ROTK OST 8 – Twilight and Shadow

0:00-1:25	alt. of	CR D1 T12	0:00-1:13	
1:25-2:05	alt. of	CR D1 T12	1:13-1:47	<i>CR - Differences due to EE reel change?</i>
2:05-3:30	=	CR D1 T12	1:47-3:35	<i>OST - Minor edits (and clean ending)</i>

Note: The alternate material in this track appears in CR D4 T7 as part of the end credit suite

ROTK OST 9 – Cirith Ungol

0:00-0:36	alt. of	CR D2 T2	1:40-2:17	<i>CR - The cor anglais line is missing</i>
0:36-1:44	=	CR D2 T5	2:42-4:04	<i>OST - A section has been deleted at 0:51</i>

ROTK OST 10 – Anduril

0:00-0:23	=	CR D2 T7	0:17-0:38	
0:23-2:35	alt. of	CR D2 T7	1:56-3:27	<i>OST – Alternate: more Rivendell material</i>

ROTK OST 11 – Shelob’s Lair

0:00-1:03	=	CR D3 T13	0:00-1:46	<i>OST- Edited</i>
1:03-1:19	=	CR D3 T13	2:10-2:41	<i>OST - Repetitive bars trimmed</i>
1:19-1:46	=	CR D3 T13	3:14-3:42	
1:46-2:07	=	CR D3 T13	4:07-4:31	
2:07-2:34	=	CR D3 T13	5:31-6:01	
2:34-4:07	=	CR D3 T16	1:41-3:35	<i>OST - Lots of little edits</i>

ROTK OST 12 – Ash and Smoke

0:00-1:09	=	CR D2 T12	0:00-1:21	<i>CR - EE inserts. OST – minor edits.</i>
1:09-1:54	=	CR D3 T3	2:04-2:48	
1:54-3:25	=	CR D2 T12	1:21-3:13	<i>OST - lots of edits</i>

ROTK OST 13 – The Fields of the Pelennor

0:00-1:21	=	CR D3 T4	0:00-1:19	<i>OST has minor edits</i>
1:21-2:53	=	CR D2 T12	3:41-5:23	<i>OST has minor edits</i>
2:53-3:26	=	CR D3 T4	3:07-4:09	<i>OST has edits</i>

ROTK OST 14 – Hope Fails

0:00-0:24	=	CR D2 T11	2:04-2:29	
0:24-1:43	=	CR D3 T15	0:40-2:10	
1:43-2:20	alt. of	CR D2 T11	4:00-5:21	<i>OST - theatrical version</i>

Note: The EE material in ROTK OST 14 was recorded during the initial sessions with the LPO.

ROTK OST 15 – The Black Gate Opens

0:00-0:19	=	CR D3 T15	2:22-3:02	<i>OST - opening shortened considerably</i>
0:19-2:28	=	CR D3 T15	3:49-6:23	<i>OST - Some minor edits</i>

2:28-3:31	alt.of	CR D3 T15	6:24-7:47	
3:31-4:01	=	CR D3 T15	7:47-8:15	

ROTK OST 16 – The End of All Things

0:00-2:18	=	CR D4 T1	1:26-4:09	<i>OST - minor edits</i>
2:18-4:09	alt. of	CR D4 T2	0:00-1:43	
4:09-5:12	=	CR D4 T3	1:24-2:23	

ROTK OST 17 – The Return of the King

0:00-10:14	=	CR D4 T4	0:00-10:31	<i>OST - edit at approx. 6:14</i>
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ROTK OST 18 – The Grey Havens

0:00-0:50	=	CR D4 T5	0:00-0:50	
0:50-3:54	=	CR D4 T5	1:01-3:57	
3:54-5:59	=	CR D4 T5	5:00-7:34	<i>OST - Some repetitive bars trimmed</i>

ROTK OST 19 – Into The West

0:00-4:34	=	CR D4 T7	0:42-5:16	
4:34-5:47	alt. of	CR D4 T7	9:51-11:07	<i>OST – alternate: no crescendo at end</i>

ROTK CR Master Tracklist

- * Previously unreleased**
- ** Contains previously unreleased music**
- + Contains music not used in the film**
- # Contains material from the EE**

DISC 1

- 01 Roots and Beginnings**+
- 02 Journey to the Cross-roads*+
- 03 The Road to Isengard*#
- 04 The Foot of Orthanc*+#
- 05 Return to Edoras*
- 06 The Chalice Passed*#
- 07 The Green Dragon*#
- 08 Gollum's Villainy*
- 09 Éowyn's Dream*#
- 10 The Palantír*+
- 11 Flight from Edoras**#
- 12 The Grace of Undómiel**
- 13 The Eyes of the White Tower**#
- 14 A Coronet of Silver and Gold**+#
- 15 The Lighting of the Beacons**+#

DISC 2

- 01 Osgiliath Invaded**+#
- 02 The Stairs of Cirith Ungol**
- 03 Allegiance to Denethor*+#
- 04 The Sacrifice of Faramir**
- 05 The Parting of Sam and Frodo**+
- 06 Marshalling at Dunharrow**+#
- 07 Andúril – Flame of the West**+
- 08 The Passing of the Grey Company*
- 09 Dwimorberg – The Haunted Mountain*#
- 10 Master Meriadoc, Swordthain**
- 11 The Paths of the Dead**#
- 12 The Siege of Gondor**+#
- 13 Shelob's Lair**+
- 14 Merry's Simple Courage*#

DISC 3

- 01 Grond – The Hammer of the Underworld*
- 02 Shelob the Great**+
- 03 The Tomb of the Stewards**+#
- 04 The Battle of the Pelennor Fields**+
- 05 The Pyre of Denethor*#
- 06 The Mûmakil*
- 07 Dernhelm in Battle*#
- 08 "A Far Green Country"*+

- 09 Shieldmaiden of Rohan*#
- 10 The Passing of Théoden*
- 11 The Houses of Healing*#
- 12 The Tower of Cirith Ungol*#
- 13 The Last Debate*+#
- 14 The Land of Shadow*+#
- 15 The Mouth of Sauron**+#
- 16 "For Frodo"*#

DISC 4

- 01 Mount Doom**+
- 02 The Crack of Doom*
- 03 The Eagles**
- 04 The Fellowship Reunited**+
- 05 The Journey to the Grey Havens**+
- 06 Elanor*
- 07 Days of the Ring**
- 08 Bilbo's Song*#