Metapuzzle
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Each of the given second lines can be paired with one of the first lines generated while solving the hunt to form a rhyming couplet… but only after the last word is replaced by a word with a similar meaning.

1. Close Enough For Jazz
(I told you once that I needed some SPACE / I'm ready now to go back to your PLACE)
2. Chemistry Between Us
(You saved me from a life of naught but ODIUM / I'll make a speech for you behind this PODIUM)
3. Ropin' Raisin' and Rushin'
(I do admire your skill with that RIATA / Would you like to take a ride in my MIATA)
4. Double-Crossed
(For you I would commit an act of TREASON / You need only provide me with some REASON)
5. The Vinyl Countdown
(The way you look requires no REFINING / I'm thrilled to see you every time we're DINING)
6. Angry Words
(With every smile you fill me with EMOTION / To be with you I'd gladly cross the OCEAN)
7. Back In The Day
(The whole firm knows that you're the cutest STENO / Come home with me, we'll cuddle and watch LENO)
8. Off Our Rockers
(A fool ignores each obstacle he TACKLES / I once was trapped, but now you broke my SHACKLES)
9. We're Thinking of Changing It
(My friends hear your demands and think you're BOSSY / I want you to become part of my POSSE)

Taking the nine answer words in this order and reading the first letters from top to bottom and then the last letters from bottom to top, we get the phrase SORT REST BY SONG NAME. There are six answers from puzzles which haven't been used, and the song titles for these conveniently start with letters from A to F:

Alcoholic Haze	BOURBON
Big Show Tonight	ADIEU
Calendar Guy	NOVEMBER
Dining with Disaster	DECIDE
Evil Genius Teenage Cubists	OAFISH
Fun Size	NOUGAT

Reading once again down the first letters and up the second letters, we generate the encore song (which captures the story of the solvers' three-stop journey), **BAND ON THE RUN**.