

Lyric Booklet

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Fly Like An Eagle



By Steve Miller Band

Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin'
Into the future
Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin'
Into the future

I want to fly like an eagle
To the sea
Fly like an eagle
Let my spirit carry me
I want to fly like an eagle
Till I'm free
Oh, Lord, through the revolution

Feed the babies
Who don't have enough to eat
Shoe the children
With no shoes on their feet
House the people
Livin' in the street
Oh, oh, there's a solution

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To the sea
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Fly through the revolution

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Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin'
Into the future

1. Circle the verse that talks about problems and solutions.

2. Why do we have to "house the people?"

3. What is another problem in that verse?

4. What is the rhyming pattern?

5. Why does Steve Miller repeat "Slippin" over and over?

6. What does it mean by "time keeps on slippin in the future?"

7. Why does he want to fly like an eagle?

8. How does this song make you feel?

Killing Me Softly



By Roberta Flack

Chorus

Strumming my pain with his fingers
Singing my life with his words
Killing me softly with his song
Telling my whole life with his words
Killing me softly with his song

I heard he sang a good song,
I heard he had a style,
And so I came to see him and listen for a while
And there he was this young boy
Stranger to my eyes

Chorus

I felt all flushed with fever
Embarrassed by the crowd,
I felt he found my letter and read each one out
loud,
I pray that he would finish
But he just kept right on

Chorus

he sang as if he knew me
In all my darkness fair
and then he looked right through me
as if i wasn't there
and he kept on singing
singing clear and strong
Strumming my pain with his fingers
Singing my life with his words
killing me softly with his song
killing me softly with his song
telling my whole life
with his words
killing me softly with his song
*ohhhhhhhhhhh oohhhhhh...lalalal..ohhhh
lalaaaaaaaa*

Chorus

1. What does the title have to do with the song?
2. What message is the song/lyric trying to convey to the listener?
3. Who do you think wrote this poem/lyric? Describe him or her. Think about age, personality, interests, character traits etc.
4. What is the mood/tone of this poem/lyric? How do the rhythm and/or music affect the mood/tone?
5. What is the setting of this poem? Underline the words from the writing to support your ideas.
6. Visualizing: What words of the song creates a picture in your mind? Draw your picture!



ROCK in the USA



by John Mellencamp

**They come from the cities
And they come from the smaller towns
Beat up cars with guitars and drummers
Goin crack boom bam**

[Chorus:]

**R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.
R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.
R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A., Yeah, Yeah!
Rockin' in the U.S.A.**

**Said goodbye to their families
Said goodbye to their friends
With pipe dreams in their heads
And very little money in their hands
Some are black and some are white
Ain't too proud to sleep on the floor
tonight
With the blind faith of Jesus you know
that they just might, be
Rockin' in the U.S.A.
Hey!**

**Voices from nowhere
And voices from the larger towns
Filled our head full of dreams
Turned the world upside down**

***There was Frankie Lyman-Bobby Fuller-
Mitch Ryder
(They were Rockin')
Jackie Wilson-Shangra-las-Young
Rascals
(They were Rockin')
Spotlight on Martha Reeves
Let's don't forget James Brown
Rockin' in the U.S.A.
Rockin' in the U.S.A.
Hey***

1. Who are "they" in the first stanza?

2. What onomatopoeia did he use?

3. In stanza 2, why did they have to say goodbye?

4. Why would they have to sleep on the floor?

5. What is the rhyme pattern in stanza 3?

6. Who are the voices from nowhere and larger towns?

7. Why did he say, "Let's not forget James Brown?"

8. What is the tone of this song?

9. Make a text to world connection.

Never Grow Up



By Taylor Swift

*Your little hands wrapped around my finger
And it's so quiet in the world tonight
Your little eyelids flutter cause you're
dreaming
So I tuck you in, turn on your favorite night
light
To you everything's funny, you got nothing
to regret
I'd give all I have, honey
If you could stay like that*

*Oh darling, don't you ever grow up
Don't you ever grow up, just stay this little
Oh darling, don't you ever grow up
Don't you ever grow up, it could stay this
simple
I won't let nobody hurt you, won't let no
one break your heart
And no one will desert you
Just try to never grow up, never grow up*

*You're in the car on the way to the movies
And you're mortified your mom's dropping
you off
At 14 there's just so much you can't do
And you can't wait to move out someday
and call your own shots
But don't make her drop you off around the
block
Remember that she's getting older too
And don't lose the way that you dance
around in your pj's getting ready for school*

*Oh darling, don't you ever grow up
Don't you ever grow up, just stay this little
Oh darling, don't you ever grow up
Don't you ever grow up, it could stay this
simple
No one's ever burned you, nothing's ever left
you scarred
And even though you want to, just try to
never grow up*

*Take pictures in your mind of your
childhood room
Memorize what it sounded like when your
dad gets home
Remember the footsteps, remember the
words said
And all your little brother's favorite songs
I just realized everything I have is someday
gonna be gone*

*So here I am in my new apartment
In a big city, they just dropped me off
It's so much colder that I thought it would be
So I tuck myself in and turn my night light
on*

*Wish I'd never grown up
I wish I'd never grown up*

*Oh I don't wanna grow up, wish I'd never
grown up
I could still be little
Oh I don't wanna grow up, wish I'd never
grown up
It could still be simple
Oh darling, don't you ever grow up
Don't you ever grow up, just stay this little
Oh darling, don't you ever grow up
Don't you ever grow up, it could stay this
simple
Won't let nobody hurt you
Won't let no one break your heart
And even though you want to, please try to
never grow up
Oh, don't you ever grow up
Oh, never grow up, just never grow up*

1. Who do you think she has in her mind while writing these lyrics? Explain.
2. Find words that rhyme within each stanza. Is there a rhyme scheme (a set pattern) throughout the song?
3. Imagery is a picture that you form in your mind. What picture comes to your mind when you read this poem?
4. On a separate paper design a CD cover from the images you picture in your mind.
5. Why do you think the author says, "Remember that she's getting older too?"
6. What is meant by "it is so much colder than I thought it would be?"
7. What kind of figurative language is "break your heart?"
8. Using your context clues, what does "mortified" mean?
9. What does the author mean, "no one's ever burned you" mean?
10. Text to Self- How can you relate a part of these lyrics to an experience in your life?

Beautiful Day



By U2 -Bono (Paul Hewson)

The heart is a bloom
Shoots up through the stony ground
There's no room
No space to rent in this town

You're out of luck
And the reason that you had to care
The traffic is stuck
And you're not moving anywhere

You thought you'd found a friend
To take you out of this place
Someone you could lend a hand
In return for grace

It's a beautiful day
Sky falls, you feel like
It's a beautiful day
Don't let it get away

You're on the road
But you've got no destination
You're in the mud
In the maze of her imagination

You love this town
Even if that doesn't ring true

You've been all over
And it's been all over you
It's a beautiful day
Don't let it get away
It's a beautiful day

Touch me
Take me to that other place
Teach me
I know I'm not a hopeless case

See the world in green and blue
See China right in front of you
See the canyons broken by cloud
See the tuna fleets clearing the sea out
See the Bedouin fires at night
See the oil fields at first light
And see the bird with a leaf in her
mouth
After the flood all the colors came out

It was a beautiful day
Don't let it get away
Beautiful day

Touch me
Take me to that other place
Reach me
I know I'm not a hopeless case

What you don't have you don't need it
now
What you don't know you can feel it
somehow
What you don't have you don't need it
now
Don't need it now
Was a beautiful day

Questions for *Beautiful Day*

*1 Who would write these type of lyrics?

*2 What is he comparing a heart to? What kind of figurative language is it?

*3 What is the mood/ tone of the song?

*4 Does he really mean, “..the traffic is stuck?” Explain.

*5 What message does the song convey?

*6 What words does he use to let us know that he believes in himself?

*7 What is the main setting you find in the song?

*8 Does touch me mean to be physically touched? Explain.

*9 Go to the stanza about seeing the world in green and blue. What are your thoughts about this stanza?

*10 What do you think the following means, “And see the bird with a leaf in her mouth, after the flood all the colors came out.”

*11 What line creates the most imagery for you? Why?

*12 What is the rhyme scheme in verse 2?

*13 What can you infer about the last verse?

*14 Can you make a connection to this song? Text to Self or Text to Text?

Hero by Mariah Carey



Hmm

There's a hero

If you look inside your heart

You don't have to be afraid

Of what you are

There's an answer

If you reach into your soul

And the sorrow that you know

Will melt away

And then a hero comes along

With the strength to carry on

And you cast your fears aside

And you know you can survive

So when you feel like hope is gone

Look inside you and be strong

And you'll finally see the truth

That a hero lies in you

It's a long road

When you face the world alone

No one reaches out a hand

For you to hold

You can find love

If you search within yourself

And the emptiness you felt

Will disappear

And then a hero comes along

With the strength to carry on

And you cast your fears aside

And you know you can survive

So when you feel like hope is gone

Look inside you and be strong

And you'll finally see the truth

That a hero lies in you

Oh ooh

Lord knows

Dreams are hard to follow

But don't let anyone

Fear them away, hey yeah

Hold on

There will be tomorrow

In time

You'll find the way

And then a hero comes along

With the strength to carry on

And you cast your fears aside

And you know you can survive

So when you feel like hope is gone

Look inside you and be strong

And you'll finally see the truth

That a hero lies in you

That a hero lies in you

Mhhh

That a hero lies in You

Analyze *Hero* by Mariah Carey

1. What is the mood/tone of the song? What words help you come to that conclusion?
2. What does it mean by "It's a long road when you face the world alone?"
3. What does it mean by "look inside you and be strong?"
4. Who do you think she wrote this for?
5. How does the rhythm affect the mood?
6. What does cast mean in the chorus?
7. Why do you think dreams would be hard to follow?
8. What word can you use to describe, "feel like hope is gone?"
9. How can you feel emptiness?
10. What message does the song convey?
11. How can you connect with this song? Self/World/Text

Extensions:

*Discuss the following questions about heroes.

- What qualities make a person heroic?
- What would make you feel like a hero?
- Who are your heroes? Why?
- Have you ever done anything heroic? If so, would you expect to be recognized?

*Talk about some heroes in our history. What do they have in common? Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Sumter.

*Who is your hero? Write about him/her and tell why.

Dance with My Father



By Luther Vandross

Back when I was a child
Before life removed all the innocence
My father would lift me high
And dance with my mother and me and then

Spin me around till I fell asleep
Then up the stairs he would carry me
And I knew for sure
I was loved

If I could get another chance
Another walk, another dance with him
I'd play a song that would never, ever end
How I'd love, love, love to dance with my
father again

When I and my mother would disagree
To get my way I would run from her to him
He'd make me laugh just to comfort me, yeah,
yeah
Then finally make me do just what my mama
said

Later that night when I was asleep
He left a dollar under my sheet
Never dreamed that he
Would be gone from me

If I could steal one final glance
One final step, one final dance with him

I'd play a song that would never, ever end
'Cause I'd love, love, love to dance with my
father
again

Sometimes I'd listen outside her door
And I'd hear her, mama cryin' for him
I pray for her even more than me
I pray for her even more than me

I know I'm prayin' for much too much
But could You send back the only man she
loved
I know You don't do it usually
But Lord, she's dyin' to dance with my father
again
Every night I fall asleep
And this is all I ever dream

1. Divide a piece of paper in half. On one side, draw an illustration of what you visualize after reading the title. On the other side, draw and illustration after you listen to the song and lyrics.

2. How are your illustrations the same?

3. How are you illustrations different?

4. What is the tone of the song?

5. List 3 examples of repetition.

6. Why is mama cryin'?

7. Create three more questions for these lyrics.

It's My Life



Jon Bon Jovi

This ain't a song for the broken-hearted
No silent prayer for the faith-departed
I ain't gonna be just a face in the crowd
You're gonna hear my voice
When I shout it out loud

[Chorus:]

It's my life
It's now or never
I ain't gonna live forever
I just want to live while I'm alive
(It's my life)
My heart is like an open highway
Like Frankie said
I did it my way
I just wanna live while I'm alive
It's my life

This is for the ones who stood their
ground
For Tommy and Gina who never backed
down
Tomorrow's getting harder make no
mistake
Luck ain't even lucky
Got to make your own breaks

[Chorus:]

It's my life

And it's now or never
I ain't gonna live forever
I just want to live while I'm alive
(It's my life)
My heart is like an open highway
Like Frankie said
I did it my way
I just want to live while I'm alive
'Cause it's my life

Better stand tall when they're calling you
out
Don't bend, don't break, baby, don't
back down

[Chorus:]

It's my life
And it's now or never
'Cause I ain't gonna live forever
I just want to live while I'm alive
(It's my life)
My heart is like an open highway
Like Frankie said
I did it my way
I just want to live while I'm alive

[Chorus:]

It's my life
And it's now or never
'Cause I ain't gonna live forever
I just want to live while I'm alive
(It's my life)
My heart is like an open highway
Like Frankie said
I did it my way
I just want to live while I'm alive
'Cause it's my life!

____ Name _____

***It's My Life* by Jon Bon Jovi**

1. What is the rhyme scheme in the first stanza?

2. What is the mood/tone of the song? What helps you reach that conclusion?

3. What group of people is he writing this song for?

4. Who is the song not meant for?

5. What is the simile in the chorus? What does it mean?

6. What does "got to make your own breaks" mean?

7. What does "better stand tall" mean?

8. What message does this song convey?

9. Make a connection to this song:
Self/World/Text

10. How can you use the message from this song for your life in the future?

11. Draw a picture of you achieving this goal:

General Questions for any lyrics:

1. Predict the meaning of the song?
2. What is the meaning of these lyrics?
3. What does the title have to do with the song?
4. What message is the song/lyric trying to convey to the listener?
5. Who do you think wrote this poem/lyric? Describe him or her. Think about age, personality, interests, character traits etc.
6. What is the mood/tone of this poem/lyric?
7. How do the rhythm and/or music affect the mood/tone?
8. What is the setting of this poem? What words or evidence from the writing supports your ideas?
9. Visualizing: What part of the song can you create a picture in your mind?
10. Beyond Visualizing: Can you use your senses: see, hear, smell, taste, or touch in any parts of the song?
11. Make a connection: Text-to-self, Text-to-text, Text-to-world
12. Compare and Contrast
13. Create your own questions about the song.
14. Make inferences
15. What is the author's purpose?
16. Is there a theme or lesson?
17. Act out a part of the lyrics.
18. Illustrate a part of the lyrics
19. Identify rhyme Scheme
20. Identify repetition
21. Identify figurative language:
 - Similes
 - Metaphors
 - Alliteration
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Personification
 - Idioms
 - Hyperbole

Extension ideas:

*Write your own lyric/music. Put a rhythm to it.

*Explore historical lyrics.

*Compare two or more lyrics centered around the same theme.

*Study the background of the musician.

Answer Keys:

Fly Like an Eagle

1. Feed the Babies, Shoe the children, House the people
2. They are living in the street
3. Babies don't have enough to eat. Children don't have shoes.
4. ABCBDBE
5. To emphasize or get that point across
6. Time is going by fast
7. To get through hardships
8. Varies

Killing Me Softly

1. She feels like the boy singing is talking about her. She is sad about something and he is singing about it. She is exaggerating that it is "killing" her. "Softly" is related to the boy's singing.
2. Other people may be having similar hardships.
3. Older woman, sad, lonely, likes music, shy, embarrassed, paranoid
4. Sad- It sounds sad too. It reinforces/exemplifies the sad mood.

5. Music performance- "crowd" "I came to see him and listen for a while" "Sang a good song"

6. Varies
7. Varies

Rock in the USA

1. Musicians wanting to be famous
2. Crack, boom, bam
3. They were leaving to go to a bigger city to try and get known.
4. They were poor
5. ABCB
6. Nowhere- unknown musicians
Larger towns- Famous musicians
7. He was famous.
8. Encouraging
9. Varies

Never Grow Up

1. Younger kid- (At 14, little brother)
2. Tonight/light no
3. Varies
4. Varies
5. The 14 year old's mom. Remember that so you treat her well. She won't be here forever.
6. Colder as in scarier.
7. Idiom
8. Embarrassed
9. Too young to have someone hurt your feelings (or heart) so much
10. Varies

Beautiful Day- It is about a man who lost everything but finds joy in what he still has

1. Someone who is sad or has a hardship.
2. A bloom- metaphor
3. Encouraging, hopeful
4. No- His life is stuck. He needs to move forward- maybe with a job or school or marriage.
5. Enjoy a beautiful day- Don't let all the terrible things going on ruin you from enjoying the day. See people for who they are.
6. I know I'm not a hopeless case.
7. Town
8. No- Touch my heart and help me
9. Some ideas- Bedouin is an Arabian group. Canyons can represent war. Oil fields- large open area-beauty- gas prices, politics, etc.
10. Reminds me of Noah's Ark- Colors came out means rough time ends and have a bright beginning
11. Varies
12. ABAB
13. You don't need material things.
14. Varies

Hero

1. Inspirational "Hero lies in you" Sad – "alone"
2. Let others help you. It will be easier.
3. Look at the positive things about you to help you through a rough time.
4. Someone who is losing hope or doesn't believe in themselves.
5. Varies
6. To put- or move
7. It takes hard work and determination. You have to be willing!
8. Sadness, despair

9. Being alone. Having nobody or nothing
10. Everyone can reach their dreams
11. Varies

Dance With My Father

1. Varies
2. Varies
3. Varies
4. Sad- longing
5. I pray for even more than me. I know. Love, love, love
6. Her husband died
7. Varies

It's My Live

1. AABCB
2. Exciting- happy-joyful- Taking a stand on your life! It is what you want to do!
3. People getting ready to graduate or start their life. Starting over.
4. Broken-hearted
5. My heart is like an open highway- You have the determination to go after your goals.
6. You decide your own goals in life
7. Be sure of yourself
8. Go after your dreams and goals
9. Varies
10. Varies
11. Varies