

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 9/14/13Title ImagineAuthor / Director / John Lennon

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Listened to as a kid, always loved the song

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

"You may say I'm a dreamer, / But I'm not the only one. / I hope someday you'll join us, / And the world will be as one." In the song "Imagine," John Lennon promotes the message of peace from the '60s. He wants people to imagine that there is nothing except humans living in peace. This would force humans to leave religion and government behind and live in a peaceful anarchy, which is a very hard thing for the human mind to process.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

John Lennon tried to encompass the message of the '60s in this song. He wants peace, and will do anything to get it. If it means throwing religion and government out the door, so be it. The theme of this song is clearly peace, and it invites us to follow it in its endeavor.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The music video to "Imagine" presents much symbolism in its purpose of promoting peace. John Lennon plays piano in an all white room with all the windows covered so the room is dark. As the song goes on, the windows are revealed one by one so the room slowly brightens. This represents the journey of humanity as it moves from war and hatred to peace and utopia.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

This song makes you look deep into your soul to see if it is possible to create a perfect utopia. The message of no religion or politics is very controversial, and it forces one to examine the human soul rather than a particular religion or government. John's message is that humans must overcome selfishness and evil and unite to live in perfect harmony. This song is poetic because it requires that all of humanity unite and that the evil of war is permanently forgotten.

Imagine

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one