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Date 10/25/13

Title "Same Love"

Author / Director / Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I like Macklemore, came across in his album

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

"Love is patient. Love is kind." "It's the same hate that caused wars from religion, gender to skin color, the complexion of your pigment, the same fight that led people to walk outs and sit ins. It's human rights for everybody, there is no difference!" "Live on and be yourself" This song is Macklemore's public support for gay marriage. He talks about how hatred towards gays is hypocritical and unconstitutional. He says that everyone needs equality, and this is the same issue as religious tolerance and race and gender equality.

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

This song is clearly controversial, but it gets its point across. It doesn't try to hide its meaning at all, and Macklemore certainly speaks out for what he believes in. The theme is equality. Equality should be an all or nothing prospect. You can't have partial equality. Everyone is equal, or nothing is equal. That is the message of this song.

## Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

Where most music videos feature the artist taking the spotlight, Macklemore presents a visual story to go along with what he's rapping about. The story shows the struggle of a gay person in adolescence and his journey to marriage and eventually death. It is inspirational to see a star rapping about what he believes in.

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

In a world of rap where women and drugs are common subjects, Macklemore seems to be a diamond in the rough. He raps about controversial subjects and isn't afraid to say what he thinks. He points out the flaws in society and urges us to fix them. He uses his fame to cure society of evil rather than encourage it. It is poetic to see someone like this in times like these.

## Same Love

When I was in the third grade I thought that I was gay, 'Cause I could draw, my uncle was, and I kept my room straight. I told my mom, tears rushing down my face She's like "Ben you've loved girls since before pre-k, trippin' " Yeah, I guess she had a point, didn't she? Bunch of stereotypes all in my head. I remember doing the math like, "Yeah, I'm good at little league" A preconceived idea of what it all meant For those that liked the same sex Had the characteristics The right wing conservatives think it's a decision And you can be cured with some treatment and religion Man-made rewiring of a predisposition Playing God, aw nah here we go America the brave still fears what we don't know And God loves all his children, is somehow forgotten But we paraphrase a book written thirty-five-hundred years ago I don't know

And I can't change Even if I tried Even if I wanted to And I can't change Even if I tried Even if I wanted to My love My love My love She keeps me warm She keeps me warm She keeps me warm

If I was gay, I would think hip-hop hates me Have you read the YouTube comments lately? "Man, that's gay" gets dropped on the daily We become so numb to what we're saying A culture founded from oppression Yet we don't have acceptance for 'em Call each other faggots behind the keys of a message board A word rooted in hate, yet our genre still ignores it Gay is synonymous with the lesser It's the same hate that's caused wars from religion Gender to skin color, the complexion of your pigment The same fight that led people to walk outs and sit ins It's human rights for everybody, there is no difference! Live on and be yourself When I was at church they taught me something else If you preach hate at the service those words aren't anointed That holy water that you soak in has been poisoned When everyone else is more comfortable remaining voiceless Rather than fighting for humans that have had their rights stolen I might not be the same, but that's not important No freedom till we're equal, damn right I support it

(I don't know)

And I can't change Even if I tried Even if I wanted to My love My love My love She keeps me warm x4

We press play, don't press pause Progress, march on With the veil over our eyes We turn our back on the cause Till the day that my uncles can be united by law When kids are walking 'round the hallway plagued by pain in their heart A world so hateful some would rather die than be who they are And a certificate on paper isn't gonna solve it all But it's a damn good place to start No law is gonna change us We have to change us Whatever God you believe in We come from the same one Strip away the fear Underneath it's all the same love About time that we raised up... sex

And I can't change Even if I tried Even if I wanted to And I can't change Even if I tried Even if I wanted to My love My love My love She keeps me warm She keeps me warm She keeps me warm She keeps me warm Love is patient Love is kind Love is patient Love is kind (not crying on Sundays) Love is patient (not crying on Sundays) Love is kind (I'm not crying on Sundays) Love is patient (not crying on Sundays) Love is kind (I'm not crying on Sundays) Love is patient (not crying on Sundays) Love is kind (I'm not crying on Sundays) Love is patient Love is kind