

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 11/6/13Title "We Are the World"Author / Director / USA for Africa (written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie)

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Saw new version for the Haiti earthquake, remembered it as inspiring

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

"There's a choice we're making, we're saving our own lives." "We are the world, we are the children. We are the ones who make a brighter day so let's start giving." "We Are the World" is basically an anthem to unite all the nations of the earth against tragedy. There have been two main versions, one to support famine in Africa and one to support the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The song features a huge group of popular singers as they sing together a song of unity and hope.

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

This song doesn't have much hidden meaning. It is meant to be a straightforward song that everyone will remember. The theme of this song is unity. We are one world, one body, and we must unite when others suffer. The song has a fundraiser for two great causes, and it deserves much praise for the money it's raised. It tried to bring the world together, and it did just that.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The song features many artists. In the beginning, they switch off singing lines, but when the final choruses come around, everyone unites and sings together in harmony, representing the diverse collection of nations that unite to support the cause.

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

I think this is an amazing song. Not only is it a great song with a good melody, it was written and performed by some of the greatest musicians in history, and all the money it made went to charity. It is a selfless song, a song of unity. Unity and selflessness are two of the most poetic traits I know of.

We Are the World

There comes a time when we heed a certain call
When the world must come together as one
There are people dying
And it's time to lend a hand to life
The greatest gift of all

We can't go on pretending day by day
That someone, somewhere will soon make a change
We all are a part of God's great big family
And the truth, you know,
Love is all we need

[Chorus:]
We are the world, we are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day
So let's start giving
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day
Just you and me

Send them your heart so they'll know that someone cares
And their lives will be stronger and free
As God has shown us by turning stone to bread
So we all must lend a helping hand

[Chorus]

When you're down and out, there seems no hope at all
But if you just believe there's no way we can fall
Well...well...well
Let's realize that a change can only come
When we stand together as one

[Chorus]