

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 11/12/13Title "Royals"Author / Director / Lorde

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Top of the US charts, played on the radio non-stop

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

"And we'll never be royals, it don't run in our blood. That kind of lux just ain't for us. We crave a different kind of buzz." "And everyone who knows us knows that we're fine with this. We didn't come from money" This song is in a way an anti-consumerism song. It tells how most of the people of the world aren't born into wealth and how many are fine with being normal. It possibly promotes the idea that people get more out of being normal than those who are wealthy.

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

The song describes many luxuries that the wealthy might have and says "we don't care, we're driving Cadillacs in our dreams." We dream about riches which is good enough for us. We think it's better to be normal is what this song is saying. The theme is that happiness doesn't come with wealth and that we can be happy with our lives just the way they are.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The music video of this song encompasses the values of the song perfectly. It depicts normal teens going about their regular daily activities. There is nothing special about their lives, and they might even be dull, but the song says that they are happy with their lives and don't need to be royal to be happy.

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 is #1 on the charts because so many people can relate to it. The song is attractive to people because it promotes the happiness of the middle class and says you don't need to be rich to be happy. The music video is dull and dry, but that is what makes it so good. The promotion of being happy with who you are really gets across with this song which is why it is so attractive to people. It is poetic when people are happy even though they aren't the richest or most powerful people in the world.

Royals

[Verse 1]

I've never seen a diamond in the flesh
I cut my teeth on wedding rings in the movies
And I'm not proud of my address,
In a torn-up town, no postcode envy

But every song's like gold teeth, grey goose, trippin' in the bathroom
Blood stains, ball gowns, trashin' the hotel room,
We don't care, we're driving Cadillacs in our dreams.
But everybody's like Cristal, Maybach, diamonds on your timepiece.
Jet planes, islands, tigers on a gold leash.
We don't care, we aren't caught up in your love affair.

And we'll never be royals (royals).
It don't run in our blood,
That kind of luxe just ain't for us.
We crave a different kind of buzz.
Let me be your ruler (ruler),
You can call me queen Bee
And baby I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule.
Let me live that fantasy.

[Verse 2]

My friends and I—we've cracked the code.
We count our dollars on the train to the party.
And everyone who knows us knows that we're fine with this,
We didn't come from money.

But every song's like gold teeth, grey goose, trippin' in the bathroom.
Blood stains, ball gowns, trashin' the hotel room,
We don't care, we're driving Cadillacs in our dreams.
But everybody's like Cristal, Maybach, diamonds on your timepiece.
Jet planes, islands, tigers on a gold leash
We don't care, we aren't caught up in your love affair

And we'll never be royals (royals).
It don't run in our blood

That kind of luxe just ain't for us.
We crave a different kind of buzz.
Let me be your ruler (ruler),
You can call me queen Bee
And baby I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule.
Let me live that fantasy.

Ooh ooh oh
We're bigger than we ever dreamed,
And I'm in love with being queen.
Ooh ooh oh
Life is great without a care
We aren't caught up in your love affair.

And we'll never be royals (royals).
It don't run in our blood
That kind of luxe just ain't for us.
We crave a different kind of buzz
Let me be your ruler (ruler),
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And baby I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule.
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