

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 1/8/14Title "Somebody to Love"Author / Director / Queen

## Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Found on YouTube while looking for a Queen song to use.

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

This song is a great song that mixes rock and gospel music. It is a song about searching oneself and trusting in God. The song follows a singer who works hard every day to try to make ends meet, but it just doesn't work. He prays to God all the time but it doesn't seem to help. The singer questions who he is and what he believes in. This song is basically about an oppressed man looking to God to find love and a reason to live.

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

The theme of this song is love. It's not about romance necessarily, but true love, which consists of hope and trust in God as well as those around you. This song encourages the listener to get up off the ground, no matter how hard it is, and to free themselves from whatever is keeping them down. The singer is asking for somebody that they can love completely, not realizing that God, the person he is talking to, is that person. Being trapped and kept down is clearly a major theme, and the whole point of the song is to get us to get up off the ground and live on.

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

A major symbol I found in this song is when the singer references a prison cell. This represents anything in our lives that is keeping us trapped and isolated from love. "Somebody to love" is not necessarily a real person, rather it is a will to live, and a reason to keep doing what we're doing. It is a purpose for life, and a sign from God as to why we belong here on earth and why He created us in the first place.

## 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 great because it brings God into the genre of rock. Rock is not usually known for being religious or sensitive, but this song brings the world of rock and religion together harmoniously and beautifully. This song's melody is very complex, and it represents the complexity of life itself and of God. It helps us search ourselves. I like this song because of the way it incorporates the beauty of chamber choir into rock. Queen's music is interesting and diverse, which is a major reason why they are so famous. Uniqueness is what keeps the human race going, and this song certainly presents a unique twist to a very popular genre.

Somebody to Love

Can anybody find me somebody to love?

Each mornin' I get up I die a little  
Can barely stand on my feet  
Take a look in the mirror and cry  
Lord what you're doing to me  
I have spent all my years in believin' you  
But I just can't get no relief, Lord

Somebody, somebody  
Can anybody find me somebody to love?

I work hard every day of my life  
I work till I ache my bones  
At the end I take home my hard earned pay all on my own  
I get down on my knees  
And I start to pray  
Till the tears run down from my eyes

Lord, somebody, ooh, somebody  
Can anybody find me, somebody to love?

(He works hard)  
Everyday, I try and I try and I try  
But everybody wants to put me down  
They say I'm goin' crazy  
They say I got a lot of water in my brain  
Got no common sense  
I got nobody left to believe  
Yeah, yeah yeah yeah

Oh Lord  
Somebody, somebody  
Can anybody find me, somebody to love?

I got no rhythm  
I just keep losin' my beat

I'm okay, I'm alright  
Ain't gonna face no defeat  
I just gotta get out of this prison cell  
Someday I'm gonna be free, Lord

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