

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 1/23/14Title "Princess of China"Author / Director / Coldplay

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I've always liked Coldplay and this song

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

This is the classic break up song about what could have been. It begins with Chris Martin singing about once upon a time when somebody, presumably his girlfriend/lover, left him, taking with her his broken heart. Next we see Rihanna singing about how their love used to be strong, but now they just fight constantly. Then they sing simultaneously about how they once were on the same side, but now they aren't. They sing about what could have been, what they could've had, but now they can't have that.

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

The theme of this song is the idea of endings. This song portrays the end of a relationship, and looks back upon the good times the couple had together. It regretfully paints a picture of what they could've had. Since the things they could've had were material items such as a castle and rings, maybe the relationship was built on false love and promises of material belongings, which in turn would cause the relationship to inevitably fail. The thing about endings, however, is that they always bring about new beginnings. This song doesn't look towards the future much, but the listener can't help but find the song hopeful.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The main metaphors in this song are the symbols of royalty. Being a princess or king, owning a castle and wearing rings could very easily be symbols for material objects and false love, but they could also represent something positive such as harmony and well-being. The symbols of royalty are symbols for being on top of the world, being number one in something, whether it be number one in the country or number one in your partner's life.

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 love this song. This is one of the few songs that can give me goosebumps. I can sense the pain in the singers' voice, and most of all, I feel their passion. The singers are not just singing to make money or to add to their fame, they are singing because they have been through what this song talks about, and they express the necessary emotion to make this song relatable. This song is poetic because it is real. It is real life expressed in a beautiful manner. Everyone can relate to a song like this because nearly everyone has experienced the feeling of a broken heart or loss of love for or from someone.

Princess of China

Once upon a time somebody ran
Somebody ran away saying fast as I can
I've got to go... I got to go

Once upon a time we fell apart
You're holding in your hands the two halves of my heart
Ohhhhh, ohhhhh!

Once upon a time, we burn bright
Now all we ever seem to do is fight
On and on...
And on and on and on...

Once upon a time on the same side.
Once upon a time on the same side, the same game
And why'd you have to go, have to go and throw it all on my fame

I could've been a Princess, You'd be a King
Could've had a castle, and worn a ring
But no, you let me go

I could've been a Princess, You'd be a king
Could've had a castle, and worn a ring
But no, you let me go

And stole my star
La, la, la, la, la, la, la
You stole my star
La, la la la la laaaaa

Oooooooh-oh oh oooooooh oh oh oh ohhhhhhhhh
Oooooooh-oh oh oooooooh oh oh oh ohhhhhhhhh

Cause you really hurt me }
No you really hurt me } x4