

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**

Date 2/26/14

Title "The Scientist"

Author / Director / Coldplay

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Found it while listening to a Coldplay album

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

This is a song about wanting to go back in time to tell someone something or to change the course of things. It is about a man who has messed up in the past or done something wrong, but he wants to apologize. He tries to explain his actions and how he feels using science and reasoning, but he can't. Love doesn't necessarily involve science and reasoning, and he is having a hard time putting into words how he feels.

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

The theme of this song is regret and the desire to apologize. A man is sorry for what he has done in the past, and he is having a hard time explaining his feelings and his love. He loves someone unconditionally, and he would never do anything to hurt them, but maybe he has, and he wants to say sorry, but it is too late.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The symbolism in this song is immense. I honestly had a hard time figuring out the meaning of this song due to its complexity. The song is primarily a piano ballad, but eventually, a guitar starts up and truly adds to the overall feeling and emotion of the song. The guitar riffs at the end of the song leave room for pondering and thought.

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 just discovered this song recently, but it has already become one of my favorites. It has so much meaning that it is hard to decipher it all. I had difficulty figuring out the meaning of this song at first because it is so complex. The music video, however, struck me immensely. The music video is a man walking backwards through time, singing forward through time. Chris Martin had to learn the song backwards, for the video is played backwards. He walks backwards through a town, through the wood, and into a field. By now, the lyrics are done, and the guitar picks up, the video shows Martin getting into his car, getting knocked out, his girlfriend on the ground (presumably dead) flying backwards through the windshield and into her seat. The car rolls up a hill and begins to drive backwards. The female passenger takes off her jacket and puts on her seatbelt (but remember, this is in reverse). This video portrays the meaning of the lyrics greatly, and it is very intense but moving. Overall, the song strikes me greatly.

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The Scientist

Come up to meet you, tell you I'm sorry
You don't know how lovely you are
I had to find you, tell you I need you
Tell you I set you apart

Tell me your secrets and ask me your questions
Oh, let's go back to the start
Running in circles, coming up tails
Heads on a science apart

Nobody said it was easy
It's such a shame for us to part
Nobody said it was easy
No one ever said it would be this hard
Oh, take me back to the start

I was just guessing at numbers and figures
Pulling the puzzles apart
Questions of science, science and progress
Do not speak as loud as my heart

And tell me you love me, come back and haunt me
Oh when I rush to the start
Running in circles, chasing on tails
Coming back as we are

Nobody said it was easy
Oh, it's such a shame for us to part
Nobody said it was easy
No one ever said it would be so hard
I'm going back to the start

Oh ooh, ooh ooh ooh ooh
Ah ooh, ooh ooh ooh ooh
Oh ooh, ooh ooh ooh ooh
Oh ooh, ooh ooh ooh ooh