

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 3/8/14Title "Little Black Submarines"Author / Director / The Black Keys

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

My friend recommended this song to me a year or two ago

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

This song is about turning to God for help in times of trouble. The singer refers to God as "operator" and asks him to put him back on the line because the voices calling him get lost and outdated. The people who have been calling him and helping him stay on the right track have gotten lost, and he has lost connection with his conscience. He mentions many times that "a broken heart is blind," so maybe a tough break up recently has made him feel lost, and he does not know what to do or who to look to.

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

The theme of this song is trying to get back on the right path and making an effort to reconnect with God after a period of time where you have not done so. God is always willing to take us back and forgive us for what we have done in the past, and the man in this poem is asking God to let him do this. The song uses great metaphors in a way that everybody can understand it whether they are religious or not.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The song starts off slowly and gently, but in the middle of the song, there is a pause, and suddenly a guitar starts playing. The song transforms into a rock song and continues singing about the same topic. The operator is a symbol for God, and the "voices calling me" that get lost are symbols for our conscience and the good influences in our lives.

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 of the way it is written, the way it is played, and the message it brings along with it. The first time I heard this song, I went on a journey. I listened to the slow part, and I thought the lyrics were good, but I didn't know if it was a good song because it was slow. But then the guitar picked up and the rock part of the song started, and I immediately fell in love with the song. It is so well performed that I think everybody needs to listen to it. This song makes the listener think about who they are and what path of life they're headed towards.

**over (do not mix logs; e.g., no poem log in front, and movie log on back)**

## Little Black Submarines

Little black submarines  
Operator please  
Put me back on the line  
Told my girl I'd be back  
Operator please  
This is wreckin' my mind

Oh can it be  
The voices calling me  
They get lost  
And out of time  
I should've seen it glow  
But everybody knows  
That a broken heart is blind  
That a broken heart is blind

Pick you up, let you down  
When I wanna go  
To a place I can hide  
You know me, I had plans  
But they just disappeared  
To the back of my mind

Oh can it be  
The voices calling me  
They get lost  
And out of time  
I should've seen a glow  
But everybody knows  
That a broken heart is blind  
That a broken heart is blind

Treasure maps, fallen trees  
Operator please  
Call me back when it's time  
Stolen friends and disease  
Operator please  
Patch me back to my mind

Oh can it be  
The voices calling me  
They get lost  
And out of time  
I should've seen a glow  
But everybody knows  
That a broken heart is blind  
That a broken heart is blind  
That a broken heart is blind