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Title "Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World"

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Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Heard when I was a little kid, also heard at one of my teacher's funeral's

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

This is a song of hope and looking forward to the good in life. It talks about somewhere over the rainbow referring to someplace magical or unique where beautiful things happen. Over this rainbow, bluebirds fly and dreams come true. The song continues onto sing "What a Wonderful World," which describes everything beautiful in our world including green trees, red roses, blue skies, and white clouds. The song switches back to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and continues to talk about dreaming and wishing upon a star.

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

The theme of this poem is peace, love, and tranquility. The song is basically about a utopia over the rainbow. Rainbows are themes for getting close to something without ever getting it, and this song is about enjoying beautiful things while they're still here. It is about dreaming, and not letting go of your dreams. Many people grow up and grow out of dreaming. They lose hope and forget to enjoy the little things in life. This song is about not losing hope and not forgetting your dreams.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This song is very simple, and it is played using only vocals and a ukulele. It's simplicity adds to its meaning, and it emphasizes the lyrics of this meaningful song. It is played in classic Hawaiian style, and that gives it extra meaning to those with Hawaiian roots. You do not have to be Hawaiian to enjoy Hawaiian style music, however, and the song is meaningful to everybody who listens to it.

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've heard this song every since I was a little kid, and I have always thought of it as a good song, but it came to mean even more to me when a teacher of mine from grade school, Mrs. Harvey, passed away from a heart attack at a young age and the song was played at the end of her funeral. The funeral was emotional anyways, because Mrs. Harvey had touched so many people in her lifetime, but when the song was played, many people started crying and it got very emotional. Ever since then, whenever I have heard this song, I have thought of her and what a great person she was. This song has personally been tainted with a sort of sadness, but it still is a great song with a hopeful message.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World

Ooo ooo ooo

Ooo ooo ooo

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
And the dreams that you dream of
Once in a lullaby

Oh somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
And the dreams that you dream of
Dreams really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where trouble melts like lemon drops
High above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Oh somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
And the dreams that you dare to
Oh why, oh why can't I?

Well, I see
Trees of green and red roses too,
I'll watch them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself,
What a wonderful world.

Well I see,
Skies of blues and, clouds of white,
And the brightness of day, I like the dark
And I think to myself,
What a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky

Are also on the faces of people passing by
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do
They're really saying I... I love you.

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than we know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world.

Oh someday I'll wish upon a star
Wake up where the clouds are far behind
Where trouble melts like lemon drops
High above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Oh somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
And the dreams that you dare to
Why, oh why can't I, I?

Ooo ooo ooo
Ooo ooo ooo
Ooo, ah ah