

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / **Lyric**Date 4/16/14Title "Dear Prudence"Author / Director / The Beatles

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

First heard the song playing Beatles Rock Band

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

This is a beautiful song written by John Lennon as a calling to a woman named Prudence to come out of her hiding and socialize more. It tells her to come out and play, to come see the day because it is beautiful just like her. It asks her to open up her eyes and come out to see the sunny skies. It is a song of widening one's horizons and coming out of one's shell. It encourages us to enjoy life more, and to spend time with the people we love as to not take for granted our time with them.

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

The theme of this song is coming out of the dark and enjoying life. Here, Prudence is meditating constantly, sheltering herself from the outside world, and Lennon is beautifully asking her to come out and play. The song is asking us to come out of hiding and live life to the fullest, because we don't know how much time we have left here. Also, we must spend time with those we love before time runs out for either them or us.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

Prudence is a symbol for our souls in hiding or parts of us that are sheltered and unused. The song asks these parts of us to come out and be noticed, because they are special and irreplaceable. The song addresses the listener using "Dear Prudence" as if John were writing us all a letter. He asks us in different ways to come out and play.

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. Not only does it contain great lyrics with great meaning, it is a great melody that can get stuck in one's head for a very long time. It builds up from a simple song to become a truly great classic Beatles song. Every single person on earth has parts of him or her that are hidden, and they are unwilling to release these parts for fear of rejection or failure. This song encourages us to let it all go and live life completely. We can't just sit behind a wall and meditate our whole lives, because human nature is to keep moving and make change. The goal of this song is to push us forward and make change.

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

Dear Prudence

Dear Prudence, won't you come out to play?
Dear Prudence, greet the brand new day
The sun is up, the sky is blue
It's beautiful and so are you
Dear Prudence, won't you come out to play?

Dear Prudence, open up your eyes
Dear Prudence, see the sunny skies
The wind is low the birds will sing
That you are part of everything
Dear Prudence, won't you open up your eyes?

Look around round
(Round round round, round round)
(Round round round, round round)
Look around round round
(Round round round, round round)
(Round round round, round round)
Look around

Dear Prudence, let me see you smile
Dear Prudence, like a little child
The clouds will be a daisy chain
So let me see you smile again
Dear Prudence, won't you let me see you smile?

Dear Prudence, won't you come out to play?
Dear Prudence, greet the brand new day
The sun is up, the sky is blue
It's beautiful and so are you
Dear Prudence, won't you come out to play?