

Area of Study 4: Popular Music

Wonderwall (Original Version) – Student Sheet

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VERSE 1

Today is gonna be the day that they're gonna throw it back to you.
By now you should've somehow realized what you've gotta do.
I don't believe that anybody feels the way I do about you now.

VERSE 2

Backbeat, the word is on the street that the fire in your heart is out.
I'm sure you've heard it all before but you never really had a doubt.
I don't believe that anybody feels the way I do about you now.

BRIDGE 1

And all the roads we have to walk are winding.
And all the lights that lead us there are blinding.
There are many things that I would like to say to you.
But I don't know how.

CHORUS 1

Because maybe, you're gonna be the one that saves me?
And after all, you're my Wonderwall.

VERSE 3

Today was gonna be the day but they'll never throw it back to you.
By now you should've somehow realised what you're not to do.
I don't believe that anybody feels the way I do about you now.

BRIDGE 2

And all the roads that lead you there were winding.
And all the lights that light the way are blinding.
There are many things that I would like to say to you.
But I don't know how.

CHORUS 2

I said maybe, you're gonna be the one that saves me?
And after all, you're my Wonderwall.

CHORUS 3

I said maybe, you're gonna be the one that saves me?
And after all, you're my Wonderwall.

CHORUS 4

I said maybe, you're gonna be the one that saves me?
You're gonna be the one that saves me?
You're gonna be the one that saves me?

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Wonderwall is a song by the English rock band Oasis, written by the band's guitarist and main songwriter. It was produced in 1995 for their second studio album (What's the Story) Morning Glory. Wonderwall still remains to be one of the band's most popular songs. Many notable artists have covered it, including rock singer Ryan Adams, folk singer Cat Power and jazz musician Brad Mehldau.

1) What type of guitar plays chords at the beginning of the piece? (Underline one).

Electric Guitar

Acoustic Guitar

Bass Guitar

2) Which word best describes the sonority of the singer's voice?

Warm

Husky

Raw

Bright

3) The piece is written in common time (4/4 – four crotchet beats per bar). At the beginning of Verse 2, on which beat of the bar does the drum kit enter?

The first

The second

The third

The fourth

4) And on which beat of the bar does the bass guitar enter?

The first

The second

The third

The fourth

5) During Verse 2 a cello plays a riff (a short repeating phrase used in Jazz and Popular Music). How many notes does the riff contain?

Two

Three

Four

Five

6) A tambourine enters during Bridge 1. On which beats of the bar does it play?

One and Three

Two and Four

One and Four

Two and Three

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7) During Chorus 1, what happens to the tambourine part?

It becomes simpler It remains the same It becomes more complex

8) How does Chorus 1 end?

With a held chord With silence With a broken chord pattern

9) During Verse 3, an electric guitar enters with a new riff. When does it play it?

At the same time as the singer In between the singers lines

10) And during Bridge 2, which other guitar creates a musical dialogue with it?

Acoustic Guitar Bass Guitar

11) During Chorus 3, the words 'I said maybe' are echoed. Which additional words are echoed during Chorus 4?

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12) During the Outro, a piano plays a new riff. What is the length of the Outro?

4 bars 6 bars 8 bars 10 bars