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 Title "Alien"
 Author / Director / Britney Spears

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I found "Alien" on Itunes the day Britney Spears came out with her new album entitled "Britney Jean."

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

"Alien" is about a person who is quite unique that she feels like she doesn't fit in with the normal crowd, like an alien. The speaker of the lyrics seems lost and confused, not quite understanding why she feels so distant from everyone else, until she finds another person who is unique like her. This person instantly makes the speaker realize that she is "not alone," which comforts and appeases her.

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

The lyrics of "Alien" discuss the concept of isolation and the affects of this loneliness on the individual. Most all people experience some sort of separation from others or the inability to form connections at one time or another. Perhaps it is the way someone looks or maybe even a person's interests that ultimately lead to exclusion of that individual and the construction of a barrier. Whatever the reason, isolation from people and relationships can lead to depression, anxiety, and even confusion of how to continue on in life. Nevertheless, the lyrics of "Alien" suggest that this sense of aloneness is not unique, rather, that it is commonly shared by many people. When alone, there are plenty of other people suffering from similar isolation right alongside, and these people are the ones that can help the most.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

"Alien" is in the pop genre. The alien in the song, or the person who feels separated from everyone else, symbolizes the isolation that any kind of uniqueness can ultimately bring about in society. Moreover, because the speaker is an alien, who supposedly lives in outer space, the metaphor continues with the stars, which are the speaker's familiar home. She wishes to return to the stars so that she does not have to longer endure the pain brought about by isolation on earth.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections /

Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

Despite the fact the vocals and musicality of this new song by Britney are mediocre and not entirely great, I do find the lyrics to be quite inspiring. The general concept that the lyrics portray is much greater and more satisfying than the actual performance of the song itself. The theme of isolation evident in these lyrics could not be better seen in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* when the the monster describes his horrible and wretched life. Just like an alien, he is outcast from society because of his horrific and freakish appearances. All the monster desires in his life is the creation of another one of his species in the female form so that he can share his suffering with someone else in peace. This idea is what ultimately makes the lyrics of "Alien" poetic. The song is reassuring in times of melancholy, especially that brought about by separation and aloneness, and it comforts the listener by making him or her know there is always someone else out there suffering from similar pain and problems. The realization that one is truly never alone is quite a poetic awareness.