

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / LyricDate 10 / 6Title "Brave"Author / Director / Sara Bareilles

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I have heard "Brave" many times, as it isn't that new of a song, but I was impelled to do a log on it when I recently heard it on a Microsoft Tablets commercial.

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

The lyrics of "Brave" are about the fact that everyone has the ability to shine in their own way. Oftentimes, however, people are held back or shy about their beliefs and opinions because of the demanding pressures of society. The speaker of these lyrics wants everyone to have the ability to "say what [they] wanna say / And let the words fall out." Moreover, she wants "to see [people] be brave" because sometimes the shyest and quietest people have the most important things to say.

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

The major theme of "Brave" is the coming out of one's shell and putting oneself and one's opinions out into the world even if they will be rejected and denied. Every person on earth is as important and significant as another, and the contribution of all unique individuals is what ultimately makes society so interesting and prosperous. If everyone was forced to look, act, and think the same, life on earth would be meaningless and futile. "Brave" is a civil rights anthem that promotes the freedom of expression and the freedom of speech of all individuals because it recognizes the importance of liberty and diversity in society.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

"Brave" is a pop song inspired by Sara's friend who was afraid to come out of the closet, but it symbolizes so much more. The line "Show me how big your brave is" especially is a memorable and unforgettable phrase that will ring throughout the lives of all the people who have to evoke some sort of bravery in their lives, whether it be something as simple as speaking up in class or as difficult as overcoming one's greatest fears.

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

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

"Brave" is truly an American anthem. The United States was founded on the ideals of liberty, justice, and equality, and the support and encouragement of the lyrics of this song strongly encourage the achievement of those values. People deserve the right to be and act the way that they were created for on earth. There are so many other songs about being true to oneself and embracing one's unique qualities and characteristics, such as "Roar" by Katy Perry and "Same Love" by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, but the lyrics of "Brave" ultimately capture the poetic concept on an entirely greater level. There is something entirely poetic and beautiful about Sara passionately singing to the listeners of the song and giving them the courage to welcome and accept their individual and distinctive natures. Moreover, when people are empowered to be brave and to approach life everyday without any fears, this inspires others to do the same. The integrity and honor of the lyrics and the lifestyle they promote ultimately render the song poetic.