

Date 9 / 13 PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / LyricTitle "Same Love"Author / Director / Macklemore and Ryan Lewis

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I am not sure of the first time I have heard this song, but it recently sparked interest in me when I heard it on a singing competition TV show.

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

"Same Love" is about the modern prejudices against gays and lesbians and the many stereotypes formed against them. For example, the speaker of the song used to think he was gay because he "could draw, / [His] uncle was and [he] kept his room straight." The lyrics then go on to discuss how being gay is not a choice and that people "can't change / Even if [they] tried." The lyrics also advocate against the use of foul and harsh sexual language because they can be interpreted the wrong way, and they urge people to take a stand against unfair bias and judgement against gays when they say, "We come from the same one / Strip away the fear / Underneath it's all the same love."

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

"Same Love" is about being true to oneself no matter the circumstances. The world is so full of hateful and irrational thinkers, but everyone deserves to be happy and to be able to love whomever they want. Ultimately, all humans belong to the same species and have the same origins, and people should not have to feel threatened to change their true personalities and unique characteristics. People should be able to thrive and prosper in society no matter race, orientation, or any other distinguishing attributes.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

"Same Love" is a hip-hop song that was actually written in support of a referendum in Washington that would legalize same-sex marriage. The title "Same Love" refers to the fact that all humans have the capability to love no matter who they do love, and that all people deserve the ability to utilize that capacity. The title symbolizes the complete equality of mankind if everything were to be stripped away except for love.

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

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

"Same Love" is by far one of the most motivational, socially aware, and righteous songs ever created. The lyrics do not only speak to people who are homosexual, but they also pertain to all the people who are shy about who they truly are and want to be. This is often one of the most frustrating things in a person's life, particularly during the teenage years, and it can often be so easy to falsely change oneself to fit in, especially around very harsh and judgmental individuals. Nevertheless, this song encourages people to live life in its fullest and most honest form and to approach life just the way they are and were created. The song is poetic because it reflects a hope for the evolution of humanity and society into a greater, more virtuous and decent existence. Although society's completely changing its outlook on homosexuality may take a while to get used to, this song is at least one major and influential step in the ethical progression of mankind.