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Section 4

Best Lyric: "Same Love"

The lyrics of "Same Love" by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis portray the unfair and unjust preconceptions and prejudices against people in society who express their individuality in characteristic and distinctive ways. Uniqueness in any aspect of life, whether it be race, sexual orientation, or any other distinguishing attribute, immediately sets people apart from societal conformity, leading to undeserved and unwarranted scrutiny, scorn, and derision. Nevertheless, "Same Love" resides as an anthem for the outcasts, the social pariahs, and the ones who come to terms with their individuality, embracing who they are without concern. The song poetically urges the listener to be true to himself no matter the circumstances, to live life in its fullest and most honest form, and to approach every day in a way that reflects his inherent tendencies and the purpose for which he was created. The lyrics are also poetic because they reflect a hope for the development and growth of humanity towards a more virtuous, decent, and accepting existence. Personally, I have experienced significant amounts of disrespect, disdain, and contempt from others, even people unbeknown to me, who unfairly characterize me as a "know it all" and a person who cares considerably more about academics than other, more important and beautiful things in life. Valuing and appreciating knowledge and academic are simply aspects of my nature that I can not change, and it is through the acceptance of myself that I am able to tolerate and withstand peer enmity and animosity. Overall, the lyrics of this song are also immensely poetic because they not only encourage compliance with the unchangeable for the

sake of beneficial progression, but also because they expose the listener to the vast potential that the embracement of individuality ultimately begets.