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### Ridiculous Lyrics

Music to teens has become a necessity that they can't live without, and possibly die for if it didn't exist. It has not only expanded to becoming a remedy, but also a relaxation method instead of just sounds and beats to move and groove to.

Sitting in the car with the endless sound of cars whizzing by? *Bam!* The radio will be your new source of entertainment! Just not feeling the motivation to work out? *Bam!* Earphones and an iPod will fix that! Bored while doing homework? *Bam!* YouTube will be your answer by teaching you how to multitask as you stop working every 3-4 minutes to change the song when the music ends!

Although the beat and chorus may sound catchy, how many people really pay attention to the actual lyrics of the songs they're listening to? Is the song really that great after you pay attention to the words? Or are they a bunch of ridiculous lyrics thrown together to make a song? Let's look at a couple of examples of lyrics of the modern day.

#### ***4 Minutes to Save the World by Madonna ft. Justin Timberlake***

Feel like having a conversation with a friend? Well, write a song about it! In *4 Minutes to Save the World*, Madonna sings with perfect grammar, "Sometimes I think what I need is a you intervention." Justin, on the other hand, responds to her by saying, "And I know I can tell that you like it, and that it's good by the way that you move." Throwing in a conversation in-between

the entire song makes it a little more interesting. If you don't listen closely enough, you might miss the next few words to the conversation so pay attention the next time the song plays.

### ***Tik Tok by Kesha***

Kesha sings, "Before I leave, brush my teeth with a bottle of Jack." Instead of using water to wash out toothpaste, it appears that Jack has become a more effective method. Water just isn't good enough anymore. The stench of alcohol seems to be much trendier than the all too famous morning breath and the minty mundane smell of Colgate.

### ***Pretty Girl by Iyaz***

"I'm so indecisive; trying to find a pretty girl that these shoes go nice with." Shoes have now become matchmakers! The color, style, and even the way it's shaped will definitely be a huge hint as to who will be the right girl for the day. In the mood to wear those black Jordan's? A tall, slim, black haired girl would be a nice choice to match you *and* your shoes. Up for a day in your black and white Nike's? The girl dressed in those two colors might be a good way to start off your choice. A better hint at who to choose is taking a good look at the pair of shoes that's being worn. If she happens to be wearing a pair of Nike high heels, she's *definitely* the one.

### ***Friday by Rebecca Black***

This infamous song not only tells you about a typical day, but also teaches the days of the week. Rebecca Black begins off singing, "7 AM, waking up in the morning. Gotta be fresh, gotta go downstairs. Gotta have my bowl, gotta have my cereal." These are the routines that several students continuously repeat every morning for school. It's a banal list, but when sung, it becomes that much better.

After talking about the typical morning procedures, she later moves on teaching her audience about the days of the week. “Yesterday was Thursday, Thursday. Today is Friday, Friday... Tomorrow is Saturday, and Sunday comes afterwards.” This is an example of how songs *can* be educational! Plus, repeating words such as partying, fun, and of course, Friday, constantly throughout the song gives it more of a lively effect.

Feeling strange because you’ve never paid much notice to the lines in a song? These lyrical words aren’t always detected by the average person listening to their music. Heck, there are several people out there who have never noticed certain parts to songs that they listen to every day. The big question is: The next time you hit play, will you hear all the words?