

# Transcendentalism Music Lyrics

## Homework Assignment:

After reviewing the list of songs, write two paragraphs:

(1) choose at least one song that you are familiar with and explain how this song reflects transcendentalism. You must use *at least* one vocabulary word in your response.

(2) What is another song that can be related to transcendentalism that is not on the list? How does it relate?

### 1. You Gotta Be, by Des'ree

Listen as your day unfolds, challenge what the future holds  
Try and keep your head up to the sky  
Lovers, they may cause you tears  
Go ahead release your fears, stand up and be counted  
Don't be ashamed to cry

You gotta be  
You gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser  
You gotta be hard, you gotta be tough, you gotta be stronger  
You gotta be cool, you gotta be calm, you gotta stay together  
All I know, all I know, love will save the day

Herald what your mother said  
Reading the books your father read  
Try to solve the puzzles in your own sweet time  
Some may have more cash than you  
Others take a different view, my oh my, heh, hey

You gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser  
You gotta be hard, you gotta be tough, you gotta be stronger  
You gotta be cool, you gotta be calm, you gotta stay together  
All I know, all I know, love will save the day

Don't ask no questions, it goes on without you  
Leaving you behind if you can't stand the pace  
The world keeps on spinning  
You can't stop it, if you try to  
This time it's danger staring you in the face

Remember, listen as your day unfolds  
Challenge what the future holds  
Try and keep your head up to the sky  
Lovers, they may cause you tears  
Go ahead release your fears, my oh my heh, hey, hey

You gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser  
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### 2. Hands, by Jewel

If I could tell the world just one thing

It would be that we're all OK  
And not to worry 'cause worry is wasteful  
And useless in times like these  
I won't be made useless  
I won't be idle with despair  
I will gather myself around my faith  
For light does the darkness most fear  
My hands are small, I know  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
And I am never broken  
Poverty stole your golden shoes  
It didn't steal your laughter  
And heartache came to visit me  
But I knew it wasn't ever after  
We'll fight, not out of spite  
For someone must stand up for what's right  
'Cause where there's a man who has no voice  
There ours shall go singing  
My hands are small I know  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
I am never broken  
In the end only kindness matters  
In the end only kindness matters  
I will get down on my knees, and I will pray  
I will get down on my knees, and I will pray  
I will get down on my knees, and I will pray  
My hands are small I know  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
And I am never broken  
My hands are small I know  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
But they're not yours, they are my own  
And I am never broken  
We are never broken  
We are God's eyes  
God's hands  
God's mind  
We are God's eyes  
God's hands  
God's heart  
We are God's eyes  
God's hands  
God's eyes  
We are God's hands  
We are God's hands

### **3. Under The Bridge, by The Red Hot Chili Peppers**

Sometimes I feel  
Like I don't have a partner  
Sometimes I feel  
Like my only friend  
Is the city I live in  
The city of Angels  
Lonely as I am  
Together we cry

I drive on her streets  
'Cause she's my companion

I walk through her hills  
'Cause she knows who I am  
She sees my good deeds and  
She kisses me windy and  
I never worry  
Now that is a lie

I don't ever wanna feel  
Like I did that day  
Take me to the place I love  
Take me all the way  
I don't ever want to feel  
Like I did that day  
Take me to the place I love  
Take me all that way (yeah yeah yeah)

It's hard to believe  
That there's nobody out there  
It's hard to believe  
That I'm all alone  
At least I have her love  
The city she loves me  
Lonely as I am  
Together we cry

I don't ever wanna feel  
Like I did that day  
Take me to the place I love  
Take me all the way  
I don't ever want to feel  
Like I did that day  
Take me to the place I love  
Take me all the way (yeah yeah yeah)  
Ooh no (no no yeah yeah)  
Love me I say yeah yeah

Under the bridge downtown  
Is where I drew some blood  
Under the bridge "  
I could not get enough  
Under the bridge "  
Forgot about my love  
Under the bridge "  
I gave my life away (yeah yeah yeah)  
Ooh no (no no yeah yeah)  
Here I stay yeah yeah

Here I stay...

#### **4. Keep Ya Head Up, by Tupac**

Some say the blacker the berry, the sweeter the juice  
I say the darker the flesh then the deeper the roots  
I give a holler to my sisters on welfare  
Tupac cares, and don't nobody else care  
And uhh, I know they like to beat ya down a lot  
When you come around the block brothas clown a lot  
But please don't cry, dry your eyes, never let up  
Forgive but don't forget, girl keep your head up  
And when he tells you you ain't nuttin don't believe him  
And if he can't learn to love you you should leave him

Cause sista you don't need him  
And I ain't tryin to gas ya up, I just call em how I see em  
You know it makes me unhappy (what's that)  
When brothas make babies, and leave a young mother to be a pappy  
And since we all came from a woman  
Got our name from a woman and our game from a woman  
I wonder why we take from our women  
Why we rape our women, do we hate our women?  
I think it's time to kill for our women  
Time to heal our women, be real to our women  
And if we don't we'll have a race of babies  
That will hate the ladies, that make the babies  
And since a man can't make one  
He has no right to tell a woman when and where to create one  
So will the real men get up  
I know you're fed up ladies, but keep your head up

*[Chorus]*

Keep ya head up, oooo child things are gonna get easier  
ooooo child things are gonna get brighter [2x]

*[Verse Two:]*

Aiyyo, I remember Marvin Gaye, used to sing ta me  
He had me feelin like black was tha thing to be  
And suddenly tha ghetto didn't seem so tough  
And though we had it rough, we always had enough  
I huffed and puffed about my curfew and broke the rules  
Ran with the local crew, and had a smoke or two  
And I realize mamma really paid the price  
She nearly gave her life, to raise me right  
And all I had ta give her was my pipe dream  
Of how I'd rock the mic, and make it to tha bright screen  
I'm tryin to make a dollar out of fifteen cents  
It's hard to be legit and still pay tha rent  
And in the end it seems I'm headin for tha pen  
I try and find my friends, but they're blowin in the wind  
Last night my buddy lost his whole family  
It's gonna take the man in me to conquer this insanity  
It seems tha rain'll never let up  
I try to keep my head up, and still keep from gettin wet up  
You know it's funny when it rains it pours  
They got money for wars, but can't feed the poor  
Say there ain't no hope for the youth and the truth is  
it ain't no hope for tha future  
And then they wonder why we crazy  
I blame my mother, for turning my brother into a crack baby  
We ain't meant to survive, cause it's a setup  
And even though you're fed up  
Huh, ya got to keep your head up

*[Chorus]*

*[Verse Three:]*

And uhh  
To all the ladies havin babies on they own  
I know it's kinda rough and you're feelin all alone  
Daddy's long gone and he left you by ya lonesome  
Thank the Lord for my kids, even if nobody else want em

Cause I think we can make it, in fact, I'm sure  
And if you fall, stand tall and comeback for more  
Cause ain't nuttin worse than when your son  
wants to kno why his daddy don't love him no mo'  
You can't complain you was dealt this  
hell of a hand without a man, feelin helpless  
Because there's too many things for you to deal with  
Dying inside, but outside you're looking fearless  
While tears, is rollin down your cheeks  
Ya steady hopin things don't all down this week  
Cause if it did, you couldn't take it, and don't blame me  
I was given this world I didn't make it  
And now my son's gotten older and older and cold  
From havin the world on his shoulders  
While the rich kids is drivin Benz  
I'm still tryin to hold on to my survivin friends  
And it's crazy, it seems it'll never let up, but  
please... you got to keep your head up

### **5. Paradise, by Coldplay**

When she was just a girl  
She expected the world  
But it flew away from her reach  
So she ran away in her sleep  
Dreamed of para- para- paradise  
Para- para- paradise  
Para- para- paradise  
Every time she closed her eyes  
Whoa-oh-oh oh-oooh oh-oh-oh

When she was just a girl  
She expected the world  
But it flew away from her reach  
And the bullets catch in her teeth

Life goes on  
It gets so heavy  
The wheel breaks the butterfly  
Every tear, a waterfall  
In the night, the stormy night  
She closed her eyes  
In the night, the stormy night  
Away she'd fly.

And dreamed of para- para- paradise  
Para- para- paradise  
Para- para- paradise  
Whoa-oh-oh oh-oooh oh-oh-oh

She dreamed of para- para- paradise  
Para- para- paradise  
Para- para- paradise  
Whoa-oh-oh oh-oooh oh-oh-oh.

La la la La  
La la la

So lying underneath those stormy skies.  
She said oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh.  
I know the sun must set to rise.

This could be para- para- paradise  
Para- para- paradise  
This could be para- para- paradise  
Whoa-oh-oh oh-oooh oh-oh-oh.

## 6. It's Time, by Imagine Dragons

So this is what you meant  
When you said that you were spent?  
And now it's time to build from the bottom of the pit right to the top  
Don't hold back  
Packing my bags and giving the Academy a rain check

I don't ever wanna let you down  
I don't ever wanna leave this town  
'Cause after all this city never sleeps at night

It's time to begin, isn't it?  
I get a little bit bigger but then I'll admit  
I'm just the same as I was  
Now don't you understand?  
I'm never changing who I am

So this is where you fell  
And I am left to sell  
The path to Heaven runs through miles of clouded Hell right to the top  
Don't look back  
Turning to rags and giving the commodities a rain check

I don't ever wanna let you down  
I don't ever wanna leave this town  
'Cause after all this city never sleeps at night

It's time to begin, isn't it?  
I get a little bit bigger but then I'll admit  
I'm just the same as I was  
Now don't you understand?  
I'm never changing who I am

It's time to begin, isn't it?  
I get a little bit bigger but then I'll admit  
I'm just the same as I was  
Now don't you understand?  
I'm never changing who I am

This road never looked so lonely  
This house doesn't burn down slowly  
To ashes!  
To ashes!

It's time to begin, isn't it?  
I get a little bit bigger but then I'll admit  
I'm just the same as I was  
Now don't you understand?  
I'm never changing who I am

It's time to begin, isn't it?  
I get a little bit bigger but then I'll admit  
I'm just the same as I was  
Now don't you understand?  
I'm never changing who I am

## 7. Beautiful Day, by U2

The heart is a bloom  
Shoots up through the stony ground  
There's no room  
No space to rent in this town  
You're out of luck  
And the reason that you had to care  
The traffic is stuck  
And you're not movin' anywhere  
You thought you'd found a friend  
To take you out of this place  
Someone you could lend a hand  
In return for grace  
It's a beautiful day  
Sky falls, you feel like  
It's a beautiful day  
Don't let it get away  
You're on the road  
But you've got no destination  
You're in the mud  
[In the maze of her imagination](#)

## 8. Come Sail Away, by Styx

I'm sailing away,  
Set an open course for the virgin sea,  
'Cause I've got to be free,  
Free to face the life that's ahead of me,  
On board, I'm the captain, so climb aboard,  
We'll search for tomorrow on every shore,  
And I'll try, Oh Lord I'll try, to carry on

I look to the sea,  
Reflections in the waves spark my memory,  
Some happy, some sad,  
I think of childhood friends and the dreams we had,  
We lived happily forever, so the story goes,  
But somehow we missed out on the pot of gold  
But we'll try best that we can to carry on

A gathering of angels appeared above my head,  
They sang to me this song of hope and this is what they said,  
They said come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me lads,  
Come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me,  
Come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me baby,  
Come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me

I thought that they were angels, but to my surprise,  
We climbed aboard their starship, we headed for the skies  
Singing come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me lads  
Come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me  
Come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me  
Come sail away, come sail away, come sail away with me...

## 9. Get Up, Stand Up, by Bob Marley

Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!  
Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!  
Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!  
Get up, stand up: don't give up the fight!

Preacher man, don't tell me,  
Heaven is under the earth.  
I know you don't know  
What life is really worth.  
It's not all that glitters is gold;  
'Alf the story has never been told:  
So now you see the light, eh!  
Stand up for your rights. come on!

Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!  
Get up, stand up: don't give up the fight!  
Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!  
Get up, stand up: don't give up the fight!

Most people think,  
Great god will come from the skies,  
Take away everything  
And make everybody feel high.  
But if you know what life is worth,  
You will look for yours on earth:  
And now you see the light,  
You stand up for your rights. jah!

Get up, stand up! (jah, jah! )  
Stand up for your rights! (oh-hoo! )  
Get up, stand up! (get up, stand up! )  
Don't give up the fight! (life is your right! )  
Get up, stand up! (so we can't give up the fight! )  
Stand up for your rights! (lord, lord! )  
Get up, stand up! (keep on struggling on! )  
Don't give up the fight! (yeah! )

We sick an' tired of-a your ism-skism game -  
Dyin' 'n' goin' to heaven in-a Jesus' name, lord.  
We know when we understand:  
Almighty god is a living man.  
You can fool some people sometimes,  
But you can't fool all the people all the time.  
So now we see the light (what you gonna do?),  
We gonna stand up for our rights! (yeah, yeah, yeah! )

So you better:  
(chorus)

## **10. Let the Drummer Kick, Citizen Cope**

Let the drummer kick  
(repeated)

Creation  
Incarceration  
Determination  
Equation  
Humiliation  
Reincarnation  
Situation  
Elation  
Identification  
Retaliation  
Education  
Inspiration

No substitution  
Solution  
Conclusion  
Let the drummer kick  
Let the drummer kick that  
Let the drummer kick  
Let the drummer kick that  
Let the drummer kick  
Relations  
(Say Apollo had to break 'em)  
[- From: <http://www.elyrics.net> -]  
Creation  
(It's a gift, it's a blessing)  
Incarceration  
(What keeps you down)  
Determination  
(What gets you out)

Equation  
(They said you could make it)  
Humiliation  
(What you feel when they say it)  
Reincarnation  
(Say N-A-V)  
Situation  
(Why we've got to sing)

Elation  
(So many in need)  
Identification  
(Gives you the right to shoot)  
Retaliation  
(What would it do)  
Education  
(Gives you the right to do this)

Inspiration  
(What pulls you through)  
Substitution  
(Try to substitute)  
Non-inclusion  
(You just got to bust through)  
Drug infusion  
(For the chosen few)

Mass confusion  
(When they say that they died for you)  
Delusion  
(Sayin' that your dreams don't come true)  
Solution  
(Takin' a hold of you)  
Conclusion

## **11. The Show Goes On, by Lupe Fiasco**

Alright, already, the show goes on  
All night 'til the morning, we dream so long  
Anybody ever wonder when they would see the sun go  
Just remember when you come up, the show goes on  
Alright, already, the show goes on  
All night 'til the morning, we dream so long

Anybody ever wonder when they would see the sun go?  
Just remember when you come up, the show goes on  
Have you ever had the feelin' that you was bein' had?  
Don't that shit there make you mad? They treat you like a slave  
Put chains all on your soul and put whips up on your back  
They be lyin' through they teeth, hope you slip up off your path  
I don't switch up, I just laugh, put my kicks up on they desk  
Unaffected by they threats, then get busy on they ass  
See, that's how that Chi-Town made me, that's how my daddy raised me  
That glitterin' may not be gold, don't let nobody play me  
If you are my homeboy, you'll never have to pay me  
Go on and put your hands up when times is hard, you stand up  
L-U-P the man, 'cause the brand that the fans trust  
So even if they ban us, they'll never slow my plans up  
Alright, already, the show goes on  
All night 'til the morning, we dream so long  
Anybody ever wonder when they would see the sun go  
Just remember when you come up, the show goes on  
Alright, already, the show goes on  
All night 'til the morning, we dream so long  
Anybody ever wonder when they would see the sun go  
Just remember when you come up, the show goes on  
One in the air for the people ain't here  
Two in the air for the father that's there  
Three in the air for the kids in the ghetto  
Four for the kids that don't wanna be there  
None for those tryin' to hold them back  
Five in the air for the teachers not scared  
To tell those kids that's livin' in the ghetto  
That the people holdin' back that the world is theirs  
Yeah, the world is yours, I was once that little boy  
Terrified of the world, now I'm on a world tour  
I will give up everything even start a world war  
For these ghetto girls and boys, I'm rappin' 'round the world for  
Africa to New York, Haiti, then I detour  
Oakland out to Auckland, Gaza Strip to Detroit  
Say hip hop only destroy, tell 'em look at me, boy  
I hope your son don't have a gun and never be a D-boy  
Alright, already, the show goes on  
All night 'til the morning, we dream so long  
Anybody ever wonder when they would see the sun go  
Just remember when you come up, the show goes on  
Alright, already, the show goes on  
All night 'til the morning, we dream so long  
Anybody ever wonder when they would see the sun go  
Just remember when you come up, the show goes on  
So no matter what you been through, no matter what you into  
No matter what you see when you look outside your window  
Brown grass or green grass, picket fence or barbed wire  
Never ever put them down, you just lift your arms higher  
Raise 'em 'til your arms tired let 'em know you here  
That you struggling, survivin', that you gon' persevere  
Yeah, ain't nobody leavin', nobody goin' home  
Even if they turn the lights out, the show is goin' on  
Alright, already, the show goes on  
All night 'til the morning, we dream so long  
Anybody ever wonder when they would see the sun go  
Just remember when you come up, the show goes on  
Alright, already, the show goes on  
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Just remember when you come up, the show goes on