

“Blackbird”

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1. Listen to the song “Blackbird” by the Beatles. Circle the words you hear from the list.

singing	three	night	broken	learn	students
waiting	moment	eyes	sea	see	me
life	free	fly	why	black	tree
dark	flying	wings	scary	only	arise

2. Match each phrase with its meaning.

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| b. to arise | 2. eyes that have fallen inwards, especially because of age or illness |
| c. sunken eyes | 3. in the middle of the night |

3. Think about what the lyrics of the song mean to you. Write down your thoughts and then discuss them with the class.

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Teacher's Notes

1. Before listening to the song, let the class read the list of words in exercise 1. Afterwards, let the students listen to the song 2 or 3 times and circle the words that they hear.

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3. Meaning of the song & discussion.

Ask the students to take a few minutes to think about what the lyrics of the song mean to them and write down their thoughts. Afterwards, hold a brief class discussion, allowing volunteers to share their thoughts with the class.

At the end you can also tell your students that the song "Blackbird" is from the Beatles' 1968 double album *The Beatles* (also known as "the White Album"). The song lyrics were written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney.