

## I. Introduction

Mariah Carey is an American singer, songwriter, record producer, and actress. She rose to prominence after releasing her self-titled debut studio album *Mariah Carey* in 1990. Throughout her career, Carey has sold more than 200 million records worldwide, making her one of the best-selling music artists of all time. Referred to as the "songbird supreme" by the Guinness World Records, she is famed for her five-octave vocal range, power and signature use of the whistle register.

## II. Pre – Discussion

1. What is a hero?
2. Can you name some heroes both real and fictional?
3. What makes someone a hero?

## III. Listening

Listen to the song. This is "Hero".



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There's a hero  
If you look inside your heart  
You don't have to be afraid  
Of what you are  
There's an answer  
If you reach into your soul  
And the sorrow that you know  
Will melt away

*[Chorus]*  
And then a hero comes along  
With the strength to carry on  
And you cast your fears aside  
And you know you can survive  
So when you feel like hope is gone  
Look inside you and be strong  
And you'll finally see the truth  
That a hero lies in you

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It's a long, road  
When you face the world alone  
No one reaches out a hand  
For you to hold  
You can find love  
If you search within yourself  
And the emptiness you felt  
Will disappear

*[repeat Chorus]*



*Bridge*  
 Lord knows  
 Dreams are hard to follow  
 But don't let anyone  
 Tear them away  
 Hold on  
 There will be tomorrow  
 In time you'll find the way

*[repeat Chorus]*

That a hero lies in you  
 That a hero lies in you  
 That a hero lies in you  
*[repeat Chorus]*

#### IV. Discussion Questions

Listen to the first part chorus of the song again and find words in the lyrics with a similar meaning to the following.

- \_\_\_\_\_ the part of a person that is not physical and experiences deep feelings and emotions
- \_\_\_\_\_ to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid
- \_\_\_\_\_ the organ in your chest that sends the blood around your body
- \_\_\_\_\_ An emotion experienced in anticipation of some specific pain or danger
- \_\_\_\_\_ to continue to live or exist

#### V. Discussion Questions

1. Who is the singer's hero?
2. How important is it to recognize your worth and to love yourself?
3. Does a hero have to be someone famous?
4. What do you think an unsung hero is?
5. What do you think of this quote: "We can all be heroes in our virtues, in our homes, in our lives"?
6. Can you consider yourself your own hero?
7. Is it important to have heroes?



## VI. Full Song

Watch the music video / performance of this song.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgXw9YHpK1M>

## I. Pre – Discussion

1. Describe a butterfly.
2. What does a butterfly represent?

## II. Listening

Listen to the song. This is "Butterfly".

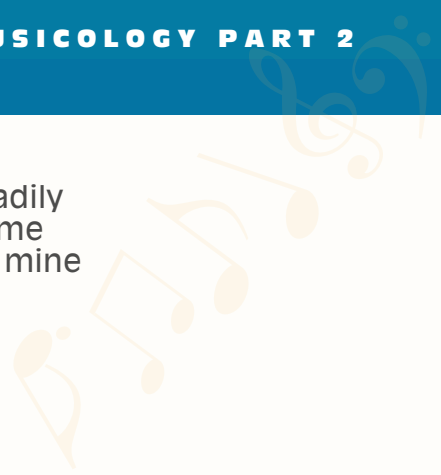


I  
When you love someone so deeply they become your life  
It's easy to succumb to overwhelming fears inside  
Blindly I imagined I could keep you under glass  
Now I understand to hold you I must open up my hands  
And watch you rise

*[Chorus]*  
Spread your wings and prepare to fly  
For you have become a butterfly  
Fly abandonedly into the sun  
If you should return to me  
We truly were meant to be  
So spread your wings and fly  
Butterfly

II  
I have learned that beauty has to flourish in the light  
Wild horses run unbridled or their spirit dies  
You have given me the courage to be all that I can  
And I truly feel your heart will lead you back to me  
When you're ready to land

*[Chorus]*  
Spread your wings and prepare to fly  
For you have become a butterfly  
Fly abandonedly into the sun  
If you should return to me  
We truly were meant to be  
So spread your wings and fly  
Butterfly



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I can't pretend these tears aren't over flowing steadily  
 I can't prevent this hurt from almost overtaking me  
 But I will stand and say goodbye for you'll never be mine  
 Until you know the way it feels to fly

**[Chorus]**

Spread your wings and prepare to fly  
 For you have become a butterfly  
 Fly abandonedly into the sun  
 If you should return to me  
 We truly were meant to be  
 So spread your wings and fly  
 Butterfly

**III. Vocabulary**

The following are figures of speech from the song. What do they mean?

1. Now I understand to hold you I must open up my hands  
 And watch you rise
2. Blindly I imagined I could keep you under glass
3. Spread your wings and prepare to fly  
 For you have become a butterfly
4. Wild horses run unbridled or their spirit dies
5. You'll never be mine  
 Until you know the way it feels to fly

**IV. Post Discussion**

1. What is the theme of the song?
2. What do you think the singer feels while singing this song?
3. Do you think you can do what she did in the song?

**V. Full Song**

Watch the music video / performance of this song.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stcdNjOSANw>

## I. Pre – Discussion: Vocabulary

Give the meaning of these words:

1. dream lover
2. uplifting
3. comfort
4. pretender
5. disillusion
6. player
7. whispering

## II. Listening

Listen to the song. This is "Dreamlover".

**DREAMLOVER**   
Mariah Carey

I need a lover to give me  
The kind of love  
That will last always  
I need somebody uplifting  
To take me away

I want a lover who knows me  
Who understands how I feel inside  
Someone to comfort and hold me  
Through the long lonely nights  
'Till the dawn  
Why don't you take me away

**[Chorus:]**

Dreamlover come rescue me  
Take me up take me down  
Take me anywhere you want to baby now  
I need you so desperately  
Won't you please come around  
'Cause I wanna share forever with you baby

I don't want another pretender  
To disillusion me one more time  
Whispering words of forever  
Playing with my mind

I need someone to hold on to  
The kind of love that won't fly away  
I just want someone to belong to  
Everyday  
Of my life  
Always  
So come and take me away



III

I can't pretend these tears aren't over flowing steadily  
 I can't prevent this hurt from almost overtaking me  
 But I will stand and say goodbye for you'll never be mine  
 Until you know the way it feels to fly

**[Chorus]**

Spread your wings and prepare to fly  
 For you have become a butterfly  
 Fly abandonedly into the sun  
 If you should return to me  
 We truly were meant to be  
 So spread your wings and fly  
 Butterfly

### III. Post Discussion

1. Describe your dream lover.
2. What do you think of someone who disillusion other people?
3. Tell us about someone you know who is so uplifting.
4. What do you think are the things that a person need in life? Give at least 3.
5. What do you think are the things that a person want? Give at least 3.

### IV. Full Song

Watch the music video / performance of this song.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqBtS6BIP1E>

## I. Pre – Discussion: Vocabulary

Choose the letter of the correct word being pronounced.

- | A         | B       | C      |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| 1. fork   | folk    | four   |
| 2. tuck   | truck   | talk   |
| 3. heard  | heart   | hurt   |
| 4. taught | thought | throat |

## II. Listening

Listen to the song. This is "Bye Bye".



This is for my peoples who just lost somebody  
 Your best friend, your baby, your man, or your lady  
 Put your hand way up high  
 We will never say bye (no, no, no)  
 Mamas, daddies, sisters, brothers, friends and cousins  
 This is for my peoples who lost their grandmothers  
 Lift your head to the sky 'cause we will never say bye

As a child there were them times  
 I didn't get it but you kept me in line  
 I didn't know why you didn't show up sometimes  
 On Sunday mornings, and I missed you  
 But I'm glad we talked through  
 All them grown folk things  
 Separation brings  
 You never let me know it  
 You never let it show because  
 You loved me and obviously  
 There's so much more left to say  
 If you were with me today face to face

*[Chorus]*

I never knew I could hurt like this  
 And everyday life goes on like  
 "I wish I could talk to you for awhile"  
 Miss you but I try not to cry  
 As time goes by





And it's true that you've reached a better place  
 Still I'd give the world to see your face  
 And I'm right here next to you  
 But it's like you're gone too soon  
 Now the hardest thing to do is say bye bye

(Bye Bye [3x])  
 Bye bye

And you never got the chance to see how good I've done  
 And you never got to see me back at number one  
 I wish that you were here to celebrate together  
 I wish that we could spend the holidays together

I remember when you used to tuck me in at night  
 With the Teddy Bear you gave to me that I held so tight  
 I thought you were so strong  
 You'd make it through whatever  
 It's so hard to accept the fact you're gone forever

*[Chorus]*

(bye bye bye bye bye bye [3x])  
 Bye bye

### III. Post Discussion

1. Why do you think it is so hard to say goodbye to someone?
2. Is it harder to say goodbye to your best friend or a close relative? Why?
3. How do you say goodbye to someone you can't live without?
4. "If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello." Do you agree? Why or Why not?
5. Explain this quote:  
*"Saying goodbye doesn't mean anything. It's the time we spent together that matters, not how we left it."*



#### IV. Full Song

Watch the music video / performance of this song.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqfLVDIZcP8>

## I. Pre – Discussion: Vocabulary

Match each word and phrase from the box with the best meaning.

<b>Spark of hope</b>	<b>Time melts into nothing</b>	<b>Desperate</b>
<b>Worth the risk</b>	<b>Emotional</b>	<b>Touch one's heart</b>

- As if time had not passed at all
- To inspire someone
- Having deep or intense feeling
- The belief that there is a slight chance that something positive will happen
- The willingness to do something regardless of the consequence
- Having lost hope

## II. Listening

Listen to the song. This is "*I Still Believe*".

**I STILL BELIEVE**   
Mariah Carey

You look in my eyes  
And I get emotional inside  
I know it's crazy  
But you still can touch my heart  
And after all this time  
You'd think that I  
I wouldn't feel the same  
But time melts into nothing  
And nothing's changed

[Chorus]  
I still believe  
Someday you and me  
Will find ourselves in love again  
I had a dream  
Someday you and me  
Will find ourselves in love again



Each day of my life  
I'm filled with all the joy I could find  
You know that I  
I'm not the desperate type  
If there's one spark of hope  
Left in my grasp  
I'll hold it with both hands  
It's worth the risk of burning  
To have a second chance

No, no, no, no, no, no I need you baby  
I still believe that we can be together  
If we believe that true love never has to end  
Then we must know that we will love again.

*[Chorus]*

### III. Post Discussion

1. How does love make you feel?
2. Do you think love last forever? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think some people fall out of love?
4. Do you believe in the saying "love is sweeter the second time around"? Why or why not?

### IV. Full Song

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAZG2duVte4>