



Handout 1 - Song Lyrics

Alan Jackson "Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning?"

Where were you when the world stopped
turnin' that September day?

Were you in the yard with your wife and chil-
dren, or workin' on some stage in L.A.?

Did you stand there in shock at the sight of
that black smoke, risin' against that blue sky?

Did you shout out in anger, in fear for your
neighbor, or did you just sit down and cry?

Did you weep for the children, they lost their
dear loved ones, pray for the ones who
don't know?

Did you rejoice for the people who walked
from the rubble and sob for the ones left
below?

Did you burst out with pride for the red,
white, and blue, and the heroes who died
just doin' what they do?

Did you look up to heaven for some kind of
answer and look at yourself and what really
matters?

I'm just a singer of simple songs
I'm not a real political man
I watch CNN, but I'm not sure I can tell you
The diff'rence in Iraq and Iran

But I know Jesus and I talk to God
And I remember this from when I was young
Faith, hope, and love are some good things
He gave us, and the greatest is love

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turnin' that September day?

Teachin' a class full of innocent children, or
drivin' down some cold interstate?

Did you feel guilty 'cause you're a survivor?
In a crowded room did you feel alone?

Did you call up your mother and tell her
you love her? Did you dust off that Bible at
home?

Did you open your eyes and hope it never
happened? Close your eyes and not go to
sleep?

Did you notice the sunset for the first time in
ages, and speak to some stranger on the
street?

Did you lay down at night and think of to-
morrow? Go out and buy you a gun?

Did you turn off that violent old movie you're
watchin', and turn on I Love Lucy reruns?

Did you go to a church and hold hands with
some strangers? Stand in line to give your
own blood?

Did you just stay home and cling tight to
your family? Thank God you had somebody
to love?

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Brooks and Dunn - "Only in America"

Sun coming up over New York City
School bus driver in a traffic jam
Starin' at the faces in her rearview mirror
Looking at the promise of the Promised Land
One kid dreams of fame and fortune
One kid helps pay the rent
One could end up going to prison
One just might be president

Only in America
Dreaming in red, white and blue
Only in America
Where we dream as big as we want to
We all get a chance
Everybody gets to dance
Only in America

Sun going down on an L.A. freeway
Newlyweds in the back of a limousine
A welder's son and a banker's daughter
All they want is everything
She came out here to be an actress
He was the singer in a band
They just might go back to Oklahoma
And talk about the stars they could have been

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Yeah only in America
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Toby Keith, "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue"

American girls and American guys
We'll always stand up and salute
We'll always recognize
When we see Old Glory flying
There's a lot of men dead
So we can sleep in peace at night when we lay down our head

My daddy served in the army
Where he lost his right eye but he flew a flag out in our yard
Until the day that he died
He wanted my mother, my brother, my sister and me
To grow up and live happy
In the land of the free

Now this nation that I love has fallen under attack
A mighty sucker punch came flyin' in from somewhere in the back
Soon as we could see clearly
Through our big black eye
Man, we lit up your world
Like the fourth of July

Hey Uncle Sam, put your name at the top of his list
And the Statue of Liberty started shakin' her fist
And the eagle will fly man, it's gonna be hell
When you hear mother freedom start ringin' her bell

And it feels like the whole wide world is raining down on you
Brought to you courtesy of the red white and blue
Justice will be served and the battle will rage
This big dog will fight when you rattle his cage

And you'll be sorry that you messed with
The U.S. of A.
'Cause we'll put a boot in your ass
It's the American way

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	Song's Message	Emotion Conveyed	Other Notes
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"Only in America"			
"Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue"			