

"Stairway To Heaven"

Jimmy Page and Robert Plant - Led Zeppelin, *Black Dog*

There's a lady who's sure all that glitters is gold
And she's buying a stairway to heaven.
When she gets there she knows, if the stores are all closed
With a word she can get what she came for.
Ooh, ooh, and she's buying a stairway to heaven.

There's a sign on the wall but she wants to be sure
'Cause you know sometimes words have two meanings.
In a tree by the brook, there's a songbird who sings,
Sometimes all of our thoughts are misgiven.

Ooh, it makes me wonder,
Ooh, it makes me wonder.

There's a feeling I get when I look to the west,
And my spirit is crying for leaving.
In my thoughts I have seen rings of smoke through the trees,
And the voices of those who stand looking.

Ooh, it makes me wonder,
Ooh, it really makes me wonder.

And it's whispered that soon, if we all call the tune,
Then the piper will lead us to reason.
And a new day will dawn for those who stand long,
And the forests will echo with laughter.

If there's a bustle in your hedgerow, don't be alarmed now,
It's just a spring clean for the May queen.
Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run
There's still time to change the road you're on.
And it makes me wonder.

Your head is humming and it won't go, in case you don't know,
The piper's calling you to join him,
Dear lady, can you hear the wind blow, and did you know
Your stairway lies on the whispering wind?

And as we wind on down the road
Our shadows taller than our soul.
There walks a lady we all know
Who shines white light and wants to show
How everything still turns to gold.
And if you listen very hard
The tune will come to you at last.
When all are one and one is all
To be a rock and not to roll.

And she's buying a stairway to heaven.

Name: _____ Bk: _____ Date: _____

Advanced Composition Poetry/Lyric Response sheet

Title of Poem/Song: _____

1. What is the subject of the poem/song? _____

2. Who is the speaker? _____

3. Who is the audience? _____
4. Paraphrase the poem: Translate the poem into your own words – paraphrase line by line for short poems OR summarize stanza by stanza for long poems. Look for: Syntactical units (complete sentences (or ideas) rather than line by line) – do this on the lyric/poem sheet
5. What does the poem/song say to you? _____

6. How did the poem/son make you feel? _____

7. What did the poem/song make you think about? _____

8. What did you think about the poem/song? _____

9. What did you notice? _____

10. What words or phrases did you especially like? _____

11. Does the poem/song remind you of anything in your life? _____

12. What do you think the poet/lyricist was thinking? _____

13. What did you notice about the way the author/lyricist wrote the poem? _____

14. What is the theme of the poem/song?
 - a. Recognize the human experience, motivation, or condition suggested by the poem.
 - b. First list what the poem is about (subjects);
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - c. Then determine what the poet/lyricist is saying about each of those subjects (theme).
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____

Other thoughts

