

HES 224 – Drugs, Behavior, & Society

Metallica – Master of Puppets Lyrics & Discussion Questions

[Verse 1]

End of passion play, crumbling away
I'm your source of self-destruction
Veins that pump with fear, sucking darkest clear
Leading on your death's construction

[Refrain]

Taste me you will see
More is all you need
Dedicated to
How I'm killing you

[Pre-Chorus]

Come crawling faster
Obey your master
Your life burns faster
Obey your master, master!

[Chorus]

Master of Puppets, I'm pulling your strings
Twisting your mind and smashing your dreams
Blinded by me, you can't see a thing
Just call my name 'cause I'll hear you scream
Master, master!
Just call my name 'cause I'll hear you scream
Master, master!

[Verse 2]

Needlework the way, never you betray
Life of death becoming clearer
Pain monopoly, ritual misery
Chop your breakfast on a mirror

[Refrain]

Taste me you will see
More is all you need
Dedicated to
How I'm killing you

[Pre-Chorus]

Come crawling faster (faster)
Obey your master (master)
Your life burns faster (faster)

Obey your master, master!

[Chorus]

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Twisting your mind and smashing your dreams
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[Post-Chorus]

(Master, master, master, master...)

[Instrumental Bridge]

[Bridge]

Master, Master, where's the dreams that I've been after?
Master, Master, you promised only lies
Laughter, laughter, all I hear or see is laughter
Laughter, laughter, laughing at my cries
Fix me!

[Guitar Solo]

[Verse 3]

Hell is worth all that, natural habitat
Just a rhyme without a reason
Never-ending maze, drift on numbered days
Now, your life is out of season

[Refrain]

I will occupy
I will help you die
I will run through you
Now I rule you too

[Pre-Chorus]

Come crawling faster (faster)
Obey your master (master)
Your life burns faster (faster)
Obey your master, master!

[Chorus]

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[Outro: Laughter]

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the drug references conveyed in the song?
2. How do the lyrics, music, and video portray drug use?
3. How does this song/video influence behavior/society?... Who is the target audience?
4. This song debuted in 1986, describe drugs in society at the time.

Next we'll view the NBC News video;

5. Look over Metallica's Master of Puppets lyrics, which versus apply to Lacy's current situation?
6. How are different demographics effected by the "Master of Puppets"?
7. How good are drug regulations? Why is the "system" failing?
8. How can drug regulations work more effectively to serve the people and communities who need them?