

**M12: I LOVE THE USA © WEEZER 2016**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amy-4jDlYgo>

Background information:

Weezer wrote this song as part of a NASA collaboration to celebrate the Juno mission. It was released on June 30, 2016 as the spacecraft approached Jupiter ( which entered the planet's orbit on July 4, 2016).

Although it seems patriotic at a first glance, there is more than a hint of sarcasm in the song, with passages such as "I love the USA, f--k yeah, this place is great" and "Home of the brave, dog on a leash."[[1]](#footnote-1)

It's probably not what NASA had in mind, but it is said to be quite typical of Weezer.

In an interview, the song’s co-author, Sam Hollander, explained, “I don’t think the song was written as cynically as it might sound. It's almost a **Choose Your Own Adventure**, like you can infer **whatever you want out of it**.”

**Task 1:**

After this teaser, **choose your own adventure** and write your own lyrics that might fit to the description above.

Try to make use of stylistic devices.

**Task 2:**

Watch the video version.

Now here some background information again: The video clip was released just before the second TV debate between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton during their presidential campaigns.

Discuss **whatever you want out of it.**

1. <https://www.songfacts.com/facts/weezer/i-love-the-usa> (last accessed: March 19, 2023)

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