

Song Analysis Worksheet and Sample Thesis

"Don't worry. Be Happy."	Don't worry about these issues	Episodes from life
<p>Verse 1 Here is a little song I wrote You might want to sing it note for note Don't worry be happy In every life we have some trouble When you worry you make it double Don't worry, be happy</p> <p>Verse 2 Ain't got no place to lay your head Somebody came and took your bed Don't worry, be happy The land lord say your rent is late He may have to litigate Don't worry, be happy</p> <p>Verse 3 Ain't got no cash, ain't got no style Ain't got no girl to make you smile But don't worry be happy Cause when you worry Your face will frown And that will bring everybody down So don't worry, be happy (now)</p> <p>Spoken Here I give you my phone number When you worry call me I make you happy Don't worry don't do it, be happy Put a smile on your face Don't bring everybody down like this Don't worry, it will soon pass Whatever it is Don't worry, be happy</p>	<p>General troubles McFerrin's own opinion i.e. pay close attention (this seems simple...) we – everyone is in it together two worlds: reality and mind inside and outside world balanced</p> <p>One's house homelessness is huge problem doesn't really matter who did it repeating the idea again tenants vs. owners and others getting others involved is usually a bad sign</p> <p>Power, Identity, Love this is what society values loneliness without companionship "but" is a more direct connection these things are even more selfish nothing can change unless it starts with attitude / need friends (now) close by, not turned off</p> <p>Loneliness and self-centeredness really? the top-40 artist wants his fans to call him? A gesture? he makes us happy with music but this spoken part is like he's on the phone with us personally not just us, though, "everybody" not just now, tomorrow not just these things, anything it's like a mantra for meditating</p>	<p>I've had my troubles: At age 14, I was too concerned about trying to be cool, which was only making a tough situation worse...</p> <p>I've had rent problems: At age 19, I moved into a house that bums had occupied and lived there with a friend who later went homeless...</p> <p>I've been dumped: At age 22, I had return- ed from Europe to find that my girlfriend, who had written letters to me for 2 years, wanted to break it off...</p> <p>Happiness is shared: Whenever I am happy, I try to share it with other people. A phone call can make things a lot better...</p>

In his one-hit wonder song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy," Bobby McFerrin tells modern adults about the importance of being happy. Specifically, we should overlook life's little troubles, issues with one's house, and problems with personal power, identity and love. All of these things are temporary, but especially we should not dwell on self-centeredness, because we are all in this together. In my own life, I have also seen the importance of this idea whenever I feel sadness, stress, and loneliness.