

Corinne Bailey Rae 'Stop Where you are' 2016

Lyrics

[Verse 1]

*Tender is the light that shines on you
Gentle is the morning made anew
Delicate, the grace we've come into
My love
Wonder why you wish your life away
Waiting for the perfect boat to take
Waiting for the perfect wind to sail away*

[Pre-Chorus 1]

***Life's shining around you
Don't miss a day
If you're caught up in the chase
You hold your happiness away from you***

[Chorus]

***Stop where you are
Under fading stars
This is the world we've made
There is no better place, it's true
Light a fire where you are***

[Verse 2]

*Underneath a blanket of the cold
Lying in the dark, your seed will grow
Miracles just like a winter rose will be
Give up all the things you can't control
Still yourself and watch them come and go
Wherever you are, you'll find you're home
at last*

[Pre-Chorus 2]

*Everything glitters around you
Don't miss a day
The moon on the lake
The smell in the air when it rains
The people you can share with
The feeling you get when you're almost
there*

[Chorus]

***Stop where you are
Under fading stars
This is the world we've made
There is no better place, it's true
Light a fire where you are***

[Bridge]

*Can't stop the wild wind roaring
You can stop my poor heart from calling
out
Light a fire where you are*

[Chorus]

***Stop where you are
Under fading stars
This is the world we've made
There is no better place, it's true
Light a fire where you are***

Themes (from the lyrics)

Seizing the moment Getting over grief
Survival Get out and live more
Listen to your heart Make the most of what you have

Mood/ atmosphere style?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/music/features/corinne-bailey-rae-the-soul-survivor-talks-about-her-new-album-and-new-husband-a6897201.html>

lyrical (poetic) anthemic, very personal song

Pick out some of the soothing words and images from the lyrics.

meaning / connotations of the title?

THE VIDEO

1) What is the style: concept/ mood? Performance? Narrative?

2) Language- MCESS **comment on mise en scene**

urban neo-brutalism : there's beauty in everything?
bleak urban landscape (London's South Bank) - echoed in the other characters she meets; clothes ; props
iconography of (black) urban lifestyle

3) comment on some of the visual signifiers – hip hop?

4) comment on red vs grey: use of contrast, visual contrast & contradiction, binary opposites

5) camera & editing – pace, rhythm, shot types?

6) other RAILING aspects - Narrative/genre?

Representation:

7) does its appeal goes beyond a black female audience?

8) is the young girl her alter ego? She comforts her

9) is there a message about ethnicity? female identity? Socio-economic group?

10) Comment on the Ideology, messages, themes:

the video seems to go beyond the lyrics into something wider and more specific. Combatting stereotypes?

stopping aggression, looking for human contact, sympathy, compassion, understanding

images of homelessness, despair, aggression and gang violence – overcome by goodness, compassion, generosity: talking and companionship
overcoming prejudice & fighting stereotypes (the bulldog)
streetdance (& freerunning /Parkour) = an expression of freedom

ultimate message is one of the power of contact, human interaction, overcoming prejudice and barriers

The redemptive power of compassion and understanding; hope triumphs over despair