

M9: IN AMERICA (© John Legend, 2017)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hA29HXDHW9Y>



Step 1: Listen to the song:

- **Summarize the main message.**
- **Then have a closer look at the lyrics and underline passages that prove your findings:**
Use two different colors to highlight similarities and differences to either one of the songs in M2 or M7.
- **Bonus task: Analyze the stylistic devices and their effect.**

	In America, in America		They say I'm free in America
	I poured my sweat in America		In America, in America
	This land is my land	25	I still can't breath in America
	It's America		Watch them squeezing my neck
5	I broke my back for America		Watch them bullets connect
	All of money I make		We still gon' fight in America
	All of these chances I take		Won't just stand around
	Just paying my rent in America	30	Can't watch it go down
	Won't just stand around		Won't just stand around
10	Watch it go down		Watch it go down
	Won't just stand around		But maybe it's a long shot
	Watch it go down		Maybe it's a fantasy
	But maybe it's a long shot	35	We've given it all that we've got
	Maybe it's a fantasy		Maybe we can live a dream
15	We've given it all that we've got		Oh, oh
	Maybe we can live a dream		Can we build a new life was it ever meant that we...
	Oh, oh		
	Can we build a new life was it ever meant that we...	40	Could make it in America
			Make it in America (8x)
20	Could make it in America		My hopes right here in America
	Make it in America		In America, in America
	In America, in America		My hope, my prayer in America

Step 2:

Discuss whether John Legend's position – as presented in this song – corresponds to your own views.