

M12: I LOVE THE USA © WEEZER 2016

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



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

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)