

English 102 Section 008

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Michael Jackson

Heal The World

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Verse 1: There's A Place In
Your Heart
And I Know That It Is Love
And This Place Could
Be Much
Brighter Than Tomorrow
And If You Really Try
You'll Find There's No Need
To Cry
In This Place You'll Feel
There's No Hurt Or Sorrow

Bridge: There Are Ways
To Get There
If You Care Enough
For The Living
Make A Little Space
Make A Better Place...

Chorus 1: Heal The World
Make It A Better Place
For You And For Me
And The Entire Human Race
There Are People Dying
If You Care Enough
For The Living
Make A Better Place
For You And For Me

Verse 2: If You Want To Know Why
There's A Love That
Cannot Lie
Love Is Strong
It Only Cares For
Joyful Giving
If We Try
We Shall See

In This Bliss
We Cannot Feel
Fear Or Dread
We Stop Existing And
Start Living

Bridge 2: Then It Feels That Always
Love's Enough For
Us Growing
So Make A Better World
Make A Better World...

Chorus2: Heal The World
Make It A Better Place
For You And For Me
And The Entire Human Race
There Are People Dying
If You Care Enough
For The Living
Make A Better Place
For You And For Me

Verse 3: And The Dream We Were
Conceived In
Will Reveal A Joyful Face
And The World We
Once Believed In
Will Shine Again In Grace
Then Why Do We Keep
Strangling Life
Wound This Earth
Crucify Its Soul
Though It's Plain To See
This World Is Heavenly
Be God's Glow

Verse 4: We Could Fly So High
Let Our Spirits Never Die
In My Heart
I Feel You Are All
My Brothers
Create A World With
No Fear
Together We'll Cry
Happy Tears
See The Nations Turn
Their Swords
Into Plowshares

Bridge 3: We Could Really Get There
If You Cared Enough
For The Living
Make A Little Space

You And For Me
You And For Me

Song Analysis Assignment

Healing the Needy Children

Michael Jackson, what a marvelous name. Who does not know this man? Michael Joseph Jackson, known by people as Michael Jackson, is a black American that was born in Gary, Indiana on August 29, 1958. He was the seventh of nine children in his family. Some of his siblings are also musicians. Janet Jackson is one of her sisters that carry a very popular name in the music industry in the country. Michael has been released lots of album since his career in the music life. Before he becomes a solo singer, he was joining the group of Jackson Five, a group of singers that consists of his own family.

Michael has released a few of albums that make his albums always stay high at the best-seller album list chart in the country. His recently released album is given name *Invincible*. The previous albums that have been released were also as success as the new one, such as *Blood on the Dance Floor* (1997), *HIStory* (1995), *Dangerous* (1991), *Bad* (1987), *Thriller* (1982), *Off the Wall* (mid 1970s). What I will focus here is his album *Dangerous* with the song "Heal the World". The reason that I choose this song is because it gives me a strong feeling when listening to it. This song gives each person different interpretation in its lyric. The moment, the feeling, the obsessions are being portrayed inside it.

The album *Dangerous* was released on November 26, 1991. The album consists of 14 tracks with "Heal the World" as the seventh track. 'Heal the World' is a song that describes a place where needy people need our help to save their live. This song was

written by Michael Jackson himself. Given the title 'Heal the World', Michael brings his idea to develop his voice to help the needy children in the lyric. This song tells a real story to human being that there is a place in the world that needs our help.

As in the verse 1, Michael sings " If you really try ...you'll feel there's no hurt or sorrow." This sentence fragment can be delivered the meaning that if people try to help the needy children, there will be no sadness or regret for the loss of someone or something loved. They need our care, our love, and our attention. The way Michael sings it is really impressive that remind people to willingly give their attention to those people, keep continuing their life. Michael sings the phrase in verse 3, "...Wound this earth, crucify its soul, though it's plain to see, this world is heavenly be God's glow." In my opinion, this statement of the lyric portrays the religious aspect which means Let God open people's heart as He sacrifice his life to the people and why shouldn't you human being sacrifice for yourselves. It will be a very good occurrence for the people. The quote of the lyric is written, "...I feel you are all my brothers...See the nations turn their swords into plowshares." Based on the Webster dictionary, plowshare is a part of a plow that cuts the furrow. In his lyric, it means that Michael urges people that the spirits of our hearts have no fear inside it that we all will together feel the tears of helping the needy people. No tears of sadness but the tears of happiness. Come people, save this people as they are your family, your brothers.

The repeated choruses again and again are sung by Michael with groups of people's voices, which can be stereotyped as black voice character, creating the powerful and strong accents. The chorus states "Heal the World; make it a better place, for you and for me, and the entire human race. There are people dying. If you care enough for the

living, make a better place for you and for me." This statement directly assigned to people or the other word 'persuade'. To create a better place for human being themselves, heal the world by helping those needy people especially in the place such as Africa. What to say is that what you do is for you yourself not for others. The purpose of this action is clearly sung by Michael as his persuasion in the ending of the song again and again, "You and For Me."

I believe that this song brings a lot of attention in Michael's mind that he wants people to be with him to help the needy children. That's the reason after a year releasing the album Dangerous; he starts his charity program with the "Heal the World Foundation" which a foundation that helps the needy children of the world. The "Heal the World Foundation" works together with the other established and recognized charities both locally and internationally to share in providing the needy and disadvantaged in the world with adequate assistance and support.

Lastly, this song is really an impressive song that has the social aspect in it. Whatever how it means to the society, this is a kind of song that really touches as it heals your heart while listening. Enjoy!

*Attachment: Lyric of Michael Jackson song "Heal the World"

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