Bill Withers “Ain’t no sunshine”

Central Idea: You must remain a priority in a relationship

Bill Withers shows us the negatives of being in love. They say that love is blind, and Withers has certainly lost his sight a long time ago. As he remains wondering “this time” where she has gone, the audience can’t help but feel bad for this man. He has devoted his existence to being involved with this woman, and forgotten about himself. We can deduce that even those that are close to him have tried to make him see that he has lost himself and is only living to be with this woman. Withers use of repetition let us know that he has heard it and “he knows”, but he needs her to survive. We can see this as a cautionary tale of what can happen if we do not make ourselves a priority even when in a relationship. It is only when we are complete that we should enter into a relationship so that if we ever are mistreated, we know we do not need anyone but ourselves to survive.

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