

Behind the Music

Singing about Healthy Relationships

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Article

**Exposure to Degrading Versus
Nondegrading Music Lyrics and Sexual
Behavior Among Youth**

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2. Lyrics about a singer that kissed a girl and enjoyed it. But she hopes her boyfriend doesn't mind.
3. Lyrics about tricking someone into performing anilingus.



Outkast "Hey Ya"



Shake it, shake, shake it, shake it (oh oh)
Shake it, shake it, shake, shake it, shake it, shake it (oh oh)
Shake it, shake it like a Polaroid picture, shake it, shake it
Shh you got to, shake it, shh shake it, shake it, got to shake it
(Shake it sugar) shake it like a Polaroid picture



Hey... ya. (oh oh)
Hey ya. (oh oh)
Hey... ya. (Don't want to meet your daddy, oh oh)
Hey ya. (Just want you in my Caddy oh oh)
Hey... ya. (oh oh, don't want to meet yo' mama oh oh)
Hey ya. (Just want to make you cumma oh oh)
Hey... ya. (I'm, oh oh I'm, oh oh)
Hey ya. (I'm just being honest oh oh, I'm just being honest)

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Katy Perry "I Kissed a Girl"



I kissed a girl and I liked it,
the taste of her cherry chapstick.
I kissed a girl just to try it,
I hope my boyfriend don't mind it.
It felt so wrong,
it felt so right.
Don't mean I'm in love tonight.
I kissed a girl and I liked it (I liked it).



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Geoffrey Chaucer "The Miller's Tale"



*And Absalom no better felt nor worse
But with his mouth he kissed her naked arse
Right greedily, before he knew of this
Aback he leapt- it seemed somehow amiss
For well he knew a woman
has no beard...*



How well do we LISTEN to lyrics?



(Let's jump to the chorus, 0:36.)



What makes a relationship healthy?

HONESTY
EQUALITY
RESPONSIBILITY
RESPECT



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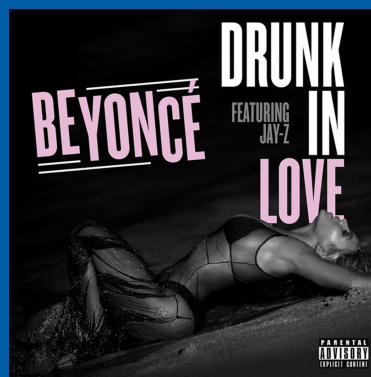
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HONESTY
EQUALITY
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Honesty is such a
lonely word
Everyone is so untrue
Honesty is hardly ever
heard
And mostly what I
need from you



HONESTY

EQUALITY

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RESPECT

Oh please say to me
You'll let me be your
man

And please say to me
You'll let me hold your
hand.



HONESTY

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Let's talk about sex
baby

Let's talk about you
and me

Let's talk about all the
good things

And the bad things
That may be



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If you wannabe my
lover

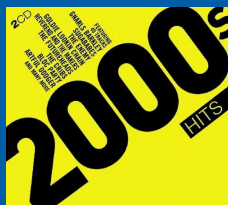
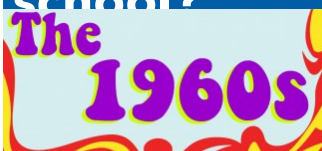
You gotta get with
my friends

Making love is easy

Friendship never
ends



What years did you go to high school?



Before

What's love got to do with it?
What's love but a second hand emotion?
What's love got to do with it?
Who needs a heart when a heart can
be broken?



After

What's truth got to do with it?
What's truth? It's a responsible emotion.
What's truth got to do with it?
Who needs a lie when the truth can be spoken?

What makes a relationship healthy?

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