

Mama & Papa

Kovacs

Mama & Papa is a track in which Kovacs takes a brutally honest look at herself and deals with the relationship with her father who left the family when she was still a child: *“Mama & Papa is one of the most emotional songs I wrote in my life. I didn’t know my father and then I got to know him and I also had a lot of questions to my mom about it. And when I finally found out who he was and what he was about, it was ... I don’t know, not a disappointment, but ... It’s just a very emotional song and it means a lot to me.”*

In Mama & Papa, Kovacs embeds those existential questions in a stunning and exceptionally powerful song, sending shivers down our spines with its pure emotion.

Pre-Listening:

Glossary

to pray – to address to God or another deity

agenda – a plan of things to be done

squeeze – to press firmly, usually with your hands

sin - do something that is believed to break the laws of God

Listening:

A. Listen to the song and fill in the gaps with the words you’ll hear

[Verse 1]

I have _____, I have _____ to your god
When I pray, I found your god or so I _____

[Pre-Chorus 1]

He told me, "Let go, he will never come home"
So I _____ been running, I've _____ running ,
I've been _____ on my own

B. Listen and match the beginnings on the left to the endings on the right

[Chorus 1]

Mama, mama,
Where was daddy
Was he no good
Did he have
Mama, mama,
Do you see him
What does it do to you,
Do I remind

to you, mama?
do we look alike?
and why did he go?
when I squeeze my eyes?
when I was born
mama?
a different agenda? Ho
you of papa? Ho

C. Listen and fill in the gaps with the words you`ll hear

[Post-Chorus]

Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa
Every time you're done prayin'
You've got much _____ than me

Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa
I had my _____ in the dirt
When you were goin' to _____
When you were goin' to _____

D. Listen and fill in the words from the box in the correct form

sin think find want let run

[Verse 2]

I have _____, I have _____ to your god
And when I _____, I _____ my god or so I _____

[Pre-Chorus 2]

I had to _____ go, I don't _____ go home
And I keep _____, keep _____, keep _____ on my own

E. Listen and fill in the correct form of the verbs in brackets

[Chorus 1]

[Post-Chorus]

Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa
Every time you're done prayin'
You've got much stronger than me, eh
Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa
I had my face in the dirt
When you were goin' to chur- hmm

[Bridge]

(Ho, ho) Prai- praise the lord
(Ho, ho) Oh, hallelujah
(Ho, ho) Hallelujah, oh, hallelujah
(Ho, ho) Ho, amen

[Chorus 2]

Mama, mama, when I was born
Papa _____, he _____ us
alone (wonder, leave)
He was no good to you, mama

He _____ a higher agenda, ho (have)
Mama, mama, we look alike
But don't you see you

wanna _____ my eyes? (squeeze)
It _____ nothing to mama (mean)
I got my mind out of papa, ho

[Post-Chorus]

Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa
Every time you're _____ prayin' (do)
You've _____ much stronger (get)

than me, oh
Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa
I _____ my face in the dirt (have)
When you were _____ to chur- (go)

[Outro]

Praise the lord
Amen