

Midnight Rain - Taylor Swift

Rain, he wanted it _____
I wanted that _____
He wanted a bride
I was making my own name
Chasing that _____
He stayed the same
All of me changed like midnight
My town was a wasteland
Full of cages, full of fences
Pageant queens and _____ pretenders
But for some, it was paradise
My boy was a montage
A slow-motion, love potion
_____ things in the ocean
I broke his heart _____ he was nice
He was sunshine, I was midnight rain
[Refrain]
It came like a postcard
Picture perfect, shiny family
Holiday, peppermint candy
_____ for him it's every day
So I peered _____ a window
A deep portal, time travel
All the love we unravel
And the life I _____
[Refrain] *2
I guess sometimes we all _____
Just what we wanted, just what we _____
And he never thinks of me
_____ when I'm on TV
I guess sometimes we all get
Some kind of haunted, some kind of haunted
And I never think _____
_____ on midnights like this (midnights like this)

Vocabulary

- to stay the same
- to be haunted
- to break someone's heart
- to want pain
- love potion
- picture-perfect
- montage
- pretenders
- wasteland
- to unravel
- pageant queens
- to give something away
- to chase fame
- to peer through a window
- to make one's own name

Match each image with the phrase that fits it best. Some images are extra



Choose the correct expression. Use context to decide

1. She could have chosen an easy, comfortable life, but instead she seemed to _____, believing that suffering would make her stronger.

- A) chase fame
- B) want pain
- C) stay the same
- D) give something away

2. Rather than relying on her family's connections, she was determined to _____ and be recognized for her own work.

- A) chase fame
- B) make her own name
- C) stay the same
- D) peer through a window

3. Some people move to big cities to _____, while others just want a quiet, meaningful life.

- A) chase fame
- B) break someone's heart
- C) give something away
- D) stay the same

4. Everyone around her grew and changed, and she also refused to _____, clinging to old habits and routines.

- A) unravel
- B) chase fame
- C) stay the same
- D) be haunted

5. After the factories closed, the town slowly turned into a _____, empty and forgotten.

- A) montage
- B) wasteland
- C) love potion
- D) picture-perfect place

6. Behind their smiles and crowns, the _____ were under constant pressure to appear flawless.

- A) pretenders
- B) pageant queens
- C) montages
- D) rivals

7. She quickly realized that many of the friendly faces around her were just _____, not real friends.

- A) pretenders
- B) pageant queens
- C) montages
- D) wastelands

8. Her memories of that summer came back as a _____ — brief moments, flashes of laughter, and late-night conversations.

- A) wasteland
- B) montage
- C) love potion
- D) heartbreak

9. It felt like a _____ — irrational, magical, and impossible to explain, but she fell for him anyway.

- A) montage
- B) picture-perfect scene
- C) love potion
- D) wasteland

10. He never meant to _____, but his honesty came too late.

- A) chase fame
- B) break her heart
- C) stay the same
- D) peer through a window

11. From the outside, their life looked _____, but no one saw the arguments behind closed doors.

- A) haunted
- B) wasteland
- C) picture-perfect
- D) unraveled

12. Late at night, she would _____, wondering how everything had gone so wrong.

- A) give something away
- B) peer through a window
- C) chase fame
- D) stay the same

13. As the truth slowly came out, their relationship began to _____ dark secrets of their past, piece by piece.

- A) stay the same
- B) chase fame
- C) unravel
- D) want pain

14. To follow her dream, she had to _____, e.g. comfort, stability, and even some friendships.

- A) stay the same
- B) give something away
- C) be haunted
- D) break someone's heart

15. Years later, he was still _____ by the choices he had made and the people he had lost.

- A) haunted
- B) picture-perfect
- C) peer through a window
- D) montage

Speaking

1. At some point in your life, did you consciously want pain instead of comfort? Why do you think some people choose difficult paths on purpose?

2. When you were starting out, how important was it for you to make your own name rather than follow someone else's expectations?

3. Did you ever feel tempted to chase fame, or was success more about personal fulfillment for you?

4. Looking back now, do you think you managed to stay the same, or did life inevitably change who you are?
5. Can you describe your hometown as a kind of wasteland currently, what exactly makes it feel empty or limiting for you?
6. Growing up around pageant queens and public ideals of perfection, did that shape your understanding of success or beauty?
7. In an industry full of pretenders, how do you recognize who is genuine and who is just playing a role?
8. When you think about your past, does it come back as a clear story or more like a montage of scattered memories?
9. Have you ever believed in love like a love potion, something magical and overwhelming, and does that belief last?
10. Do you feel that pursuing your ambitions ever caused you to break someone's heart along the way?
11. From the outside, your life might look picture-perfect, do you agree with it?
12. Do you ever peer through a window into the life you didn't choose and wonder what might have happened if you stayed?
13. Was there a moment when something began to unravel. What exactly?
14. What is the hardest thing you've ever had to give away in order to become who you are today?
15. Now, years later, are you still haunted by those choices, or have you made peace with them?