

## ***Radioactive - Imagine Dragons***

∞ **Match the verbs to the phrasal verbs:**

- 1- Become aroused from sleep
- 2- Belong
- 3- Blow
- 4- Depart, leave
- 5- Die
- 6- Don, put on
- 7- Enter without consent
- 8- Improve (your behaviour)
- 9- Inhale
- 10-Raise
- 11-Sweat
- 12-Wipe

- a. Break in
- b. Breath in
- c. Check out
- d. Clean up
- e. Fit
- f. Get rid of body liquid
- g. Go off
- h. Pass away
- i. Put on
- j. Put up
- k. Shape up
- Wake up.

∞ **Listen to the song and complete the lyrics:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ to ash and dust

I \_\_\_\_\_ my brow and I \_\_\_\_\_ my rust

I \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

I'm breaking in, shaping up, then checking out on the prison bus

This is it, the apocalypse

Whoa

I'm waking up, I feel it in my \_\_\_\_\_

Enough to make my systems blow

Welcome to the new age, to the new age (x2)

Whoa, oh, oh, oh, oh, whoa, oh, oh, oh, I'm radioactive, radioactive  
(x2)

I \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ don my \_\_\_\_\_

It's a \_\_\_\_\_, I suppose

We'll \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ right in

(Chorus)

All \_\_\_\_\_ go, the \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't \_\_\_\_\_

Deep in my \_\_\_\_\_, straight from inside

I'm waking up, I feel it in my bones

Enough to \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ blow

Welcome to the new age, to the new age

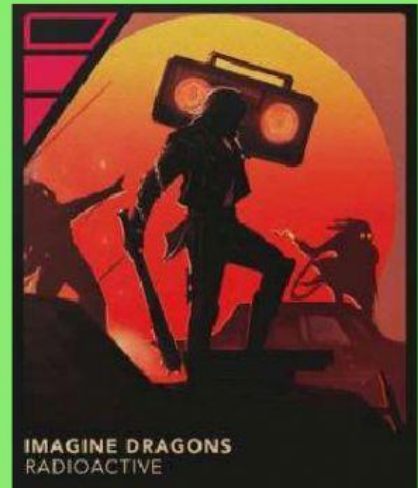
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### Meaning of the song

Radioactive is wrought with dark undertones and is filled with apocalyptic and revolutionary images – and can be interpreted as a subtle provocation aimed at the rampant consumerism and blatant disregard for the negative externalities that production of goods and services on a global scale has on the environment and the respective ecosystems around the world.



The lyrics paint a picture of a post-apocalyptic world which is filled with ash and dust and humans breathe in toxic chemicals - alluding to what a world might look like if we continue on with our current methods and means of production and consumption.

Imagine Dragons has woven into its lyric a deeply profound prospect, that while we, as a collective world, have been pursuing growth for the sake of economic prosperity, in so doing we have also sown the seeds of our own destruction. These seeds are now emerging as negative externalities such as waste water run-off, deforestation, air pollution, land degradation due to dumping and waste, and if we don't change now then we may very well be "waking up to ash and dust".