

Believer- Imagine dragons

Vocabulary

1) Match the picture to the correct name

Ashes



Spirit



Crowd



Dove



Prayer



Drown



2) Words and phrases you should know:

- **Believer:** a person who has faith
- **Break down:** it does not work anymore
- **Break open:** open with force, suddenly and violently
- **Building my rain up in the clouds:** accumulating things
- **Choking:** suffocating
- **Ebbing and flowing:** reflux, the movement of the waves of the sea
- **Fired up:** energized, motivated, irritated
- **Heartache:** broken heart
- **I'ma:** I'm going to
- **Seeing the beauty through the pain:** even though there were some difficulties, he could see the positive points
- **Sulking:** suffering, the feeling of being dissatisfied, disappointed
- **Take up:** become interested in, hold, start
- **The master of my sea:** I mind my own business
- **The one at the sail:** to be in command
- **Turned your spirit to a dove:** your spirit went to heaven

Video

3) Watch the video

Grammar

4) Match the first lines with their endings

1. First things, first...
2. Second things, second...
3. Third things, third...
4. Last things, last...

- a) ... by the grace of the fire and the flames,
you're the face of the future, the blood in
my veins, oh-ooh
- b) ... I'ma say all the words inside my head, I'm
fired up and tired of the way that things
have been, oh-ooh, the way that things
have been, oh-ooh
- c) ... send a prayer to the ones up above all
the hate that you've heard has turned your
spirit to a dove, oh-ooh, your spirit above,
oh-ooh
- d) ... don't tell me what you think that I could
be. I'm the one at the sail, I'm the master of
my sea, oh-ohh- the master of my sea

5) 2nd paragraph: choose the right word

I was **broken** / **awaken** from a young age
Taking my sulking to the **basses** / **masses**
Writing my **poems** / **books** for the few
That **looked** / **booked** at me, took to me, shook to me, feeling
me
Singing / **drinking** from heartache from the pain
Taking my message from the **pain** / **veins**
Speaking my **lesson** / **message** from the brain
Seeing the beauty through the...

6) Chorus: Put the sentences in the correct order

- () PAIN! Oh let the bullets fly, oh let them rain
() PAIN! You break me down and build me up, believer, believer
() My life, my love, my drive, it came from
() PAIN! You made me a, you made me a believer, believer

7) 3rd paragraph: fill in the gaps with the missing words:

building	choking	ebbing	falling	flowing	hoping
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I was _____ in the crowd
_____ my rain up in the cloud
_____ like ashes to the ground
_____ my feelings they would drown
But they never did, ever lived, _____ and _____
Inhibited, limited
Till it broke open and rained down
And rained down, like...

Questions and facts

8) Questions: answer the questions

a) What does the song mean?

- He believes that all the adversity you come across in life makes you feel weaker and you have to get some help.
- He believes that the adversity you come across in life is what helps you grow to "become a believer in yourself"

b) What does it mean when the singer says "Send a prayer to the ones up above"?

9) Knowing the band/song: facts about "Believer"

- Imagine Dragons is an American pop rock band from Las Vegas, Nevada, consisting of lead vocalist Dan Reynolds, lead guitarist Wayne Sermon, bassist Ben McKee, and drummer Daniel Platzman.
- The band first gained exposure with the release of their single "It's time", followed by their award-winning debut studio album "Night Visions" (2012), which resulted in the chart-topping singles "Radioactive" and "Demons".
- "Believer" was written by members of Imagine Dragons (Dan Reynolds, Ben McKee, Wayne Sermon and Daniel Platzman). Three other songwriters also contribute to the writing of the song. These writers are: American singer and songwriter, Justin Tranter, and the award-winning Swedish production and songwriting duo Mattman and Robin (Mattias Larsson and Robin Fredriksson).
- Mattman and Robin produced the track.
- The song was recorded at the Imagine Dragons Studio located in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States.
- The music video of "Believer", which was directed by music video director Matt Eastin, features iconic Swedish actor Dolph Lundgren.