

BETTER DAYS by ONE REPUBLIC

One Republic is an American band which was formed in 2002 and has sold millions of records so far. Although they are considered a pop rock band, their music is often melodic and full of meaningful lyrics.

Listen to the song as many times as you need to fill in the missing words, complete the exercises and then answer my questions.

Oh, I know that there'll be better days
Oh, that _____ 'bout to come my way
May we never ever shed another _____ for today
'Cause oh, I know that there'll be better days

Wakin' up in California
But these clouds they won't _____
Everyday is like another storm, yeah
I'm just tryin' not to go _____
Yeah, and the city shinin' so bright
So many dark nights, so many dark days
But any time I feel the paranoia
I close my eyes and I pray

Oh, I know that there'll be better days
Oh, that _____ 'bout to come my way
May we never ever shed another _____ for today
'Cause oh, I know that there'll be better days

Been wakin' up to a new year
Got the past million miles away
I'm waking up with a new _____

But I know it'll _____
Whatever you do, don't worry 'bout me
I'm thinkin' 'bout you, don't worry 'bout us
'Cause in the morning everything can change, yeah
And time will tell you it does

Oh, I know that there'll be better days
Oh, that _____ 'bout to come my way
May we never ever shed another _____ for today
'Cause oh, I know that there'll be better days

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1. Find synonyms for these words.

- a) Let fall, drop: _____
- b) Tempest: _____
- c) Delusions: _____
- d) Implore: _____

2. Find words that contain the following sounds in this verse.

- a) **ɔɪ**: _____
- b) **aɪ**: _____
- c) **ə** : _____
- d) **aɪ** : _____

3. What do they mean with the expression: "May we never ever...today"?

4. In your opinion. Is it a positive or a negative song? Explain why.

5. Explain why I might have chosen this song.

6. Now read this short article about the song and explain its meaning in your own words.