

The News

(Jack Johnson)

A billion people _____ on the news tonight
But not so many _____ at the terrible sight
Well mama said
It's just make believe
You can't _____ everything you see
So baby _____ your eyes to the lullabies
On the news tonight

Who's the one to _____ that it would be alright
To put the music behind the news tonight
Well mama said
You can't _____ everything you hear
The diagetic world is so unclear
So baby _____ your ears
On the news tonight
On the news tonight

The unobtrusive tones on the news tonight
And mama said
Mmm

Why don't the newscasters _____ when they read about people who
At least they could be decent enough to _____ just a tear in their eyes
Mama said
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So baby _____ your eyes to the lullabies
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Let's discuss

1. What's the message of the song?
2. What does the lyricist mean when he/she says that "it's just make believe"? Can you give examples?
3. Why can't you believe everything you read or listen to on the news?
4. Why does the lyricist question the newscasters who don't cry about people who die?
5. Why should you *close your eyes and ears to the lullabies on the news?*