Name _____ Allusion

Allusion in Song

An allusion is an indirect reference to something. When you make an allusion, you call something to mind without specifically mentioning it. The reference can be to a person, place, or thing from real life or from history, literature, or popular culture. You can also allude to a quality that thing represents. The thing being referenced is sufficiently well known that the writer or speaker can be confident that their audience will "get" the reference. Allusions are frequently found in song lyrics.

1. Think of a song you are familiar with that contains an allusion. What is the song?

Name of Song: _____

Artist: _____

2. Quote the lyrics that contain the allusion.

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3. What is the source of the allusion, and why do you think the songwriter chose it?

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