# Joy Crookes – Feet Don’t Fail Me Now

I've been posing with red _____
Retweeting picket signs
Put my name on petitions, but I won't change my mind
I'm keeping up _____
The dark side of my privilege
Damn, thank God I've got my vice
The _____ tuition will keep me wrong from right
But I don't like when my better side takes hold of me
I didn't want you to know
Man, I guess I was scared
Feet, don't fail me now
I got to _____ my ground
And though I'm down for trying, I am better in denial
So I hush, don't make a sound
Feet, don't fail me now
I got to stand my ground
And though I'm down for trying, I am better in denial
I, I cry like _____
Then drink opinions out
I've always got an answer, the sun shines out my mouth
There ain't a rule I'd wanna break (There ain't a rule I'd wanna break)
I'd rather kill than show my face
[Refrain]
But no blame's _____ buying
Am I better _____?
Why? Oh, why?
Didn't I try?
[Refrain]

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## Vocabulary

- to be down for (doing) something
- to cry crocodile tears
- to drink something out
- feet, don't fail me now
- in denial
- to keep up appearances
- to make a sound
- no blame's worth buying
- to show one's face
- to stand one's ground
- to take hold of
- the sun shines out of someone's mouth
- to hush
- wrong from right

## Fill in the gaps

***Complete each sentence with one of the expressions below. Use the correct form where necessary.***

1. As the lights went out and nobody answered the phone, panic began _____ everyone in the room.
2. Everyone expected her to apologise, but she refused to back down and decided _____ instead.
3. I'm _____ trying that new restaurant if everyone else wants to go.
4. The baby had finally fallen asleep, so everyone immediately _____.
5. Whatever happens in there, don't _____ until I tell you it's safe.
6. After the breakup, he spent every evening trying _____ his sadness with expensive whiskey.
7. He was so embarrassed by what he'd posted online that he couldn't _____ at work for a week.
8. Although they were deeply in debt, they continued to _____ by buying designer clothes and posting luxury holidays on Instagram.
9. By the age of six, most children already _____.
10. ''_____! This job interview could change my entire life.''
11. Even after seeing all the evidence, she remained completely _____ and insisted nothing was wrong.

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12. Don't _____ now — you were laughing when it happened, and suddenly you're pretending to be the victim.
13. Ask him about his latest project. He talks as if the sun _____.
14. Stop apologising for something that wasn't your fault. Sometimes _____.

**Match the situation with the correct expression**

1. You walk onto the stage to give a speech in front of 2,000 people. Your heart is racing, and you silently hope your body won't let you down. Which expression fits best?

2. Your boss pressures you to admit to a mistake you didn't make, but you refuse to give in. Which expression fits best?

3. After losing his job, a man keeps buying luxury clothes and posting smiling selfies so nobody suspects anything is wrong. Which expression fits best?

4. A friend keeps insisting her relationship is perfect, even though everyone has seen countless signs that it's falling apart. Which expression fits best?

5. During a horror film, everyone hears footsteps upstairs. Someone whispers that nobody should make even the smallest noise. Which expression fits best?

6. A student is invited to try rock climbing for the first time and happily agrees. Which expression fits best?

7. A politician starts making excuses during an interview, but nobody believes his words are genuine because he never apologized for his actions. Which expression fits best?

8. After posting an embarrassing video that goes viral, someone refuses to leave the house for several days. Which expression fits best?

9. A frightened child suddenly becomes so overwhelmed that fear completely controls every decision they make. Which expression fits best?

10. A teenager knows perfectly well that cheating is bad, but chooses to do it anyway. Which expression describes the ability they already have?

11. After another painful breakup, someone spends every evening boozing instead of dealing with their emotions. Which expression fits best?

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12. One employee believes every idea he has is brilliant and constantly behaves as if everyone should admire him. Which expression fits best?

13. Your little brother accidentally breaks your laptop. Your parents immediately accuse you of leaving it on the table, but deep down you know you shouldn't accept responsibility for something you didn't do. Which expression fits best?

14. During an emotional argument, one person suddenly realizes they're only making things worse, so they stop talking completely. Which expression fits best?

**Speaking**

1. Has fear, excitement, or jealousy ever taken hold of you so strongly that you couldn't think clearly? What happened?
2. Tell me about a time when you had to stand your ground even though everyone else disagreed with you.
3. What unusual activity would you definitely be down for trying at least once in your life?
4. Have you ever wanted to argue with someone but decided to hush instead? Why?
5. When was the last time you had to not make a sound? Were you hiding, trying not to wake someone up, or in another situation?
6. Have you ever tried to drink your problems out after a difficult day, or do you prefer healthier ways of coping with stress?
7. Have you ever been so embarrassed that you didn't want to show your face at school, work, or a family gathering?
8. Do you ever keep up appearances even when you're tired, stressed, or unhappy? Why do you think people do that?
9. When did you first realize you could know right from wrong without your parents telling you what to do?
10. Describe a moment when you thought, "Feet, don't fail me now!" What were you about to do?
11. Have you ever been in denial about something important in your life and only realized the truth much later?
12. Do you know anyone who often cries crocodile tears to avoid responsibility or get sympathy? How do people usually react?
13. Have you ever met someone who behaves as if the sun shines out of their mouth? What made them seem so full of themselves?

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14. Tell me about a situation where you realized no blame's worth buying and refused to apologize for something that wasn't your fault.
15. Which emotion is most likely to take hold of you before an important event: fear, excitement, or self-doubt? Why?
16. In a relationship, when is it better to stand your ground, and when is it better to compromise?
17. If your best friend suggested doing something completely spontaneous, what would you immediately be down for trying, and what would you refuse?
18. Is it ever a good idea to keep up appearances, or is honesty always the better choice?

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