**“Coachella (Woodstock in My Mind)” – Lana Del Rey (2017)**

This is a song written by the contemporary indie rock singer, Lana Del Rey, from New York, New York. She wrote this song on her ride back home from Coachella (a famous and well-known music festival in Coachella, California) after the American president, Donald Trump, and the dictator of North Korea made threats of nuclear war. She compares this music festival to Woodstock (another famous music festival that took place in the late 1960s in New York) and how the people might have had similar reactions or feelings during the time, as this festival took place during the Vietnam War.

She also makes reference to a famous Led Zeppelin song “Stairway to Heaven,” another song from the 1970s about living a privileged or posh life and striving to be happy during times of international war and conflict.

Lana Del Rey sings most of her songs in an eastern coast American accent, which often drops the endings of verbs (ex. “dreaming” pronounced as “dreamin’” or “going to” pronounced as “gonna” or “want to” pronounced as “wanna”) and combines this with the long and drawn out croakiness that is typical of many western coast American accents.

**Task: Try to fill in the lyrics that are missing.**

I was at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leaning on your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your husband swing in time

I guess I was in it, 'cause baby, for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In the next \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they put out the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were rising over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lines

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, tried to sit and use it

All of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I saw that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

'Cause what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

And what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they wear

In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like mine?

And what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all their wishes

Wrapped up like garland \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Around their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heads?

I said a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time

I'd \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it all for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to heaven

I'd take my time for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up to the top of it

I'd trade the fame and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the legend

I'd \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it all \_\_\_\_\_\_ if you \_\_\_\_\_\_ me just one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To ask him one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I'd \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if you \_\_\_\_\_\_ me just one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To ask him one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I was at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leaning on your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your husband swing and shine

I'd say it was hella’ cool to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them over

Critics can be so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sometimes

He was on his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and I thought he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them down

With his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his voice divine

Doesn't take a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to know what you've got going

And to not want to lose it 'cause they lost their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And all their children's children?

And why am I even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that today?

Maybe my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could be as small as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

That \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could turn to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would send my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your way

I'd trade it all for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(A stairway, stairway to heaven)

I'd take my time for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up to the top of it

(A stairway)

I'd trade the fame and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the legend

(A stairway)

I'd \_\_\_\_\_\_ it all \_\_\_\_\_\_ if you give me just one \_\_\_\_\_

To ask him one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I'd \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if you give me just one \_\_\_\_\_\_

To ask him one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A stairway, stairway to heaven

A stairway

Got a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things I want to say

Like what's it all for? Will it be okay?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things I want to say

Like what's it all for?

Stairway, stairway to heaven

Stairway

Stairway, stairway to heaven

Stairway

**Questions:**

1. What are some ways that people keep themselves hopeful or optimistic during difficult times?
2. How do you keep yourself hopeful or optimistic during difficult times?