

# Why Is the Universe Against Me? (A) & (B) (Abridged)

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**Song Interpretation**  
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What was the main  
development in the song  
game in the 1950s and  
1960s?  
An increase in the  
size of the  
game was introduced in  
the song!



HOPE

INSIDE  
ALL OF  
US IS...



# Lyrics

Words are flowing out like endless  
They slither wildly as they slip away  
Pools of sorrow, waves of joy are  
drifting through my open mind

Jai Guru Deva OM

Nothing's gonna change my world  
Nothing's gonna change my world  
Nothing's gonna change my world  
Nothing's gonna change my world

Images of broken light which dance before me like a million eyes  
Thoughts meander like a restless wind inside a letter box  
They tumble blindly as they make their way across the universe

Nothing's gonna change my world  
Nothing's gonna change my world  
Nothing's gonna change my world  
Nothing's gonna change my world

Sounds of laughter shades of love are ringing through my open  
ears  
Inclining and inviting me  
Limitless undying love which shines around me like a million  
suns  
It calls me on and on, across the universe

Jai Guru Deva OM

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# Biography of The Beatles

The Beatles formed in Liverpool in the 1960s. The group consisted of John Lennon (rhythm guitar, vocals), Paul McCartney (bass guitar, vocals), George Harrison (lead guitar, vocals) and Ringo Starr (drums, vocals).

The Beatles are the greatest popular group and most successful entertainers of the 20th century. They made all kinds of art from music to fashion and change the life style for generations. Their songs are all about love, peace and equality.

In 1970 the Beatles broke up and started their own individual projects. The band had so many hits that have been so very successful and won't ever be forgotten. 1980 Lennon was murdered by a mentally ill man, and in 2001 Harrison died from cancer. McCartney and Starr continue to have busy solo careers today.



# Description of the Context

Many things can be interpreted through the lyrics to this song, but the message we believe is being portrayed is there is hope for love and peace through our words, thoughts and actions. "Words are flying out like endless rain into a paper cup" this line expresses that our words do matter, and they can be influenced to others. "They slither while they pass, they slip away across the universe." Words can be hurtful, or very influential to someones life, they can change someones perspective or have a positive or negative impact on them. "Through my open views inciting and inviting me. Limitless undying love which shines around me like a million suns" He is expressing that there is hope and love for others, not just one race or religion. Love is limitless and can shine around anyone like a million suns. "It calls me on and on, across the universe, nothing's gonna change my world" This could mean the call to help one another, to make change for the better, and the fact not to let anyone tell you different. Don't let them bring you down or change your world.

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## Speaker, tone and rhyme scheme

Speaker- John Lennon wrote this song after he had an argument with his wife. He said he wouldn't be able to sleep unless he got these words written down because they kept flowing through his head. It is written in his perspective of words.

Tone- Lennon said " It started off as a negative song and it turned into a sort of cosmic song rather" He turned the song lyrics from being negative to an inspirational lyrical song.

Rhyme Scheme: There is no constant rhyme scheme in the poem.

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# Literary Devices

1. Repetition- "Nothing's gonna change my world"- give the song effect and also he is trying to persuade himself
2. Personification- "Pools of sorrow" and "waves of joy" and "possessing and caressing him" - humans have the ability of holding and caressing someone; not pools and waves
3. Simile- "Words are flowing out like endless rain into a paper cup"- Words are being compared to a rain that never stops. If they are never ending, they will of course overflow the cup
4. Alliteration- "inciting and inviting me"- They begin with the same sound, 'in'. and also end with the same sound, 'ing'.
5. Imagery- "They slither while they pass, they slip away..."- the person imagines the words slithering like a snake

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# Title

We think the significance is trying to portray the message that across the universe we may all have our differences (skin colour, cultures etc) but we share the same values (love, hope, etc) and we should all be treated with equality.

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# Meaning of the Song

John Lennon had wrote this song after he had an argument with his wife. He repeated the words 'Jai Guru Deva Om'. the meaning is divided in each individual word. "Jai" means "hail" or "praise". A Guru is a teacher, or some type of spiritual leader. Dev means God or heavenly one and Om, is believed to be the natural vibration of the universe. Hence, when many meditate, they make the "ooohhmm" sound. so all together the meaning is "praise almighty God". This song is about meditation, and chanting, being at peace with ones self, both mentally and physically.

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