



High hopes



'High hopes' is an upbeat, award-winning song by American pop rock band Panic! At the Disco. 'High hopes' encourages us to consider our influences and beliefs about ourselves.

High hopes Lyrics

Had to have high, high hopes for a living
 Shooting for the stars when I couldn't make a killing
 Didn't have a dime but I always had a vision
 Always had high, high hopes
 Had to have high, high hopes for a living
 Didn't know how but I always had a feeling
 I was gonna be that one in a million
 Always had high, high hopes
 Mama said
 Fulfill the prophecy
 Be something greater
 Go make a legacy
 Manifest destiny
 Back in the days
 We wanted everything, wanted everything
 Mama said
 Burn your biographies
 Rewrite your history
 Light up your wildest dreams
 Museum victories, everyday
 We wanted everything, wanted everything
 Mama said don't give up, it's a little complicated
 All tied up, no more love and I'd hate to see you waiting
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Mama said
 It's uphill for oddities
 Stranger crusaders
 Ain't ever wannabes
 The weird and the novelties
 Don't ever change
 We wanted everything, wanted everything
 Stay up on that rise
 Stay up on that rise and never come down, oh
 Stay up on that rise
 Stay up on that rise and never come down
 Mama said don't give up, it's a little complicated
 All tied up, no more love and I'd hate to see you waiting
 They say it's all been done but they haven't seen the best of me
 So I got one more run and it's gonna be a sight to see
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Activity steps

1. Play the **High hopes** video once, encouraging those who feel comfortable to close their eyes.
2. Play the song again, and review the contents of the High hopes handout
3. In pairs, small groups, or as a larger group, discuss using one or more of the sets of questions in the handout.

Reflect and discuss

Hope

- What does it mean to have high hopes?
- Is having high hopes important? Why or why not?
- What do you hope for? Why?

Influences

Mama said, "Fulfill the prophecy, be something greater, go make a legacy..."

Mama said, "Burn your biographies, rewrite your history, light up your wildest dreams"

Mama said. "Don't give up..."

The singer's mother is a key influence in his life.

- Who influences you? In what ways?
- What are some of the key messages that play in your head when you're making decisions?

Get creative

- Write, draw, film or use another art form to represent hope and what it looks, feels or sounds like for you.
- Identify and present a song of your choice that involves the themes of hope or influence.