



Ramble on



'Ramble On' was released in 1969 by legendary English rock band Led Zeppelin. Influenced by J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of The Rings*, the song takes us on a journey and challenges us to think about what's important in life.

Ramble on Lyrics

Leaves are falling all around
It's time I was on my way
Thanks to you I'm much obliged
For such a pleasant stay
But now it's time for me to go
The autumn moon lights my way
For now I smell the rain
And with it pain
And it's headed my way
Ah, sometimes I grow so tired
But I know I've got one thing I got to do
Ramble on
And now's the time, the time is now
To sing my song
I'm goin' 'round the world, I got to find my girl
On my way
I've been this way ten years to the day
Ramble on
Gotta find the queen of all my dreams
Got no time for spreadin' roots
The time has come to be gone
And through our health we drank a thousand
times
It's time to ramble on
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And now's the time, the time is now
To sing my song
I'm going 'round the world, I got to find my girl
On my way
I've been this way ten years to the day
I gotta ramble on

I gotta find the queen of all my dreams
I ain't tellin' no lie
Mine's a tale that can't be told
My freedom I hold dear
How years ago in days of old
When magic filled the air
'T was in the darkest depths of Mordor
I met a girl so fair
But Gollum, and the evil one
Crept up and slipped away with her
Her, her, yeah
Ain't nothing I can do, no
I guess I keep on rambling
I'm gonna, yeah, yeah, yeah
Sing my song (I gotta find my baby)
I gotta ramble on, sing my song
Gotta work my way around the world baby, baby
Ramble on, yeah
Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, my baby
Doo, doo, doo, doo
Doodoo dooodoo dooodoo dooodoo dooodoo
I gotta keep searching for my baby
(Baby, baby, baby, baby, baby, baby)
I gotta keep-a-searchin' for my baby
(My, my, my, my, my, my, my, my baby)
Yeah yeah, yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah
Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah
I can't find my bluebird
I listen to my bluebird sing
I can't find my bluebird
I keep rambling, baby
I keep rambling, baby
Source: [LyricFind](#)



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Activity steps

1. Play **Ramble on** once, inviting those who feel comfortable to close their eyes
2. Walk through the Ramble on handout and play the song again.
3. In small groups or pairs, discuss the questions below.
4. Follow up with a debrief of the discussion and the art activity.

Reflect and discuss

Goals

*Ah, sometimes I grow so tired/But I know I've got one thing I got to do/Ramble on
And now's the time, the time is now/To sing my song
I'm goin' 'round the world, I got to find my girl/On my way
I've been this way ten years to the day/Ramble on
Gotta find the queen of all my dreams*

The singer describes a goal that has been important to him for 10 years.

- How do you feel about the singer's goal and approach to reaching it? What makes you say that?
- On a scale of 1-10, how important is finding 'the person of your dreams'? Why?
- Do you think 10 years is a long time to pursue a goal? Explain.
- What are some of your short- and long-term goals?

Coping with disappointment

*I met a girl so fair/But Gollum, and the evil one/Crept up and slipped away with her
Ain't nothing I can do, no/I guess I keep on rambling*

The singer seems to accept his loss and chooses to continue seeking his goal.

- How do you feel about the singer's way of dealing with disappointment? Why?
- Have you ever experienced an obstacle to a goal? If so, how did you deal with it? If you could go back in time, would you deal with it the same way? Explain.

And through our health we drank a thousand times/It's time to ramble on

The singer mentions using alcohol to cope with his disappointments.

- What are the pros and cons of using alcohol or other drugs to manage the ups and downs of life?
- What are some things people can do to reduce the risks of using substances?
- What are other ways to stay steady and motivated to pursue our goals?

Get creative!

- Write, draw, film or use another art form to reflect your current goals and dreams.
- Identify and present a song of your choice that involves the themes of goals and coping.