



Reflect and discuss

# 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  
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 (high, high hopes)

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 **High hopes**.
2. Give each participant a **High hopes handout**. Walk through the handout, and then play the song again.
3. Arrange participants into small groups or pairs. Ask them to talk about and write answers to the 'reflect and discuss' questions.
4. Debrief with the group.
5. Invite participants to 'get creative' and choose an art activity.

## 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.