



Ride



'Ride' is an alternative rap song about the human condition and 'going with the flow' by American musical duo Twenty-One Pilots. Released in 2015, the hit song's unique sounds and eerie lyrics invite us to think about dark times and who we can reach out to for help if needed.

Ride Lyrics

I just wanna stay in the sun where I find
 I know it's hard sometimes
 Pieces of peace in the sun's peace of mind
 I know it's hard sometimes
 Yeah, I think about the end just way too much
 But it's fun to fantasize
 On my enemies who wouldn't wish who I was
 But it's fun to fantasize
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time on my ride
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time on my ride
 Takin' my time on my ride
 "I'd die for you" that's easy to say
 We have a list of people that we would take
 A bullet for them, a bullet for you
 A bullet for everybody in this room
 But I don't seem to see many bullets coming
 through
 See many bullets coming through
 Metaphorically, I'm the man
 But literally, I don't know what I'd do
 "I'd live for you" and that's hard to do
 Even harder to say, when you know it's not true
 Even harder to write, when you know that's a lie
 There were people back home who tried talking to
 you
 But then you ignore them still
 All these questions they're for real, like
 "Who would you live for?"
 "Who would you die for?"
 And "Would you ever kill?"
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 Oh, oh, oh, oh

I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time on my ride
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time on my ride
 Takin' my time on my ride
 I've been thinking too much
 I've been thinking too much
 I've been thinking too much
 I've been thinking too much (Help me)
 I've been thinking too much (I've been thinking
 too much)
 I've been thinking too much (Help me)
 I've been thinking too much (I've been thinking
 too much)
 I've been thinking too much
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time on my ride
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time
 Takin' my time on my ride
 Whoa, oh, oh
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time on my ride
 Oh, oh, oh, oh
 I'm fallin' so I'm takin' my time on my-
 I've been thinking too much (Help me)
 I've been thinking too much (Help me)
 I've been thinking too much (I've been thinking
 too much)
 I've been thinking too much (Help me)
 I've been thinking too much (I've been thinking
 too much)
 I've been thinking too much (Help me)

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Activity steps

1. Play the **Ride**.
2. Give each participant a **Ride 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

Struggling

"I'm fallin' so I'm taking my time/Takin' my time on my ride"

- What do you think the singer means by "I'm fallin'"?
- Have you ever felt like you were falling? Give examples.
- What do you think the singer means by "my ride"? What makes you think that?
- What are other metaphors for "ride"?

Reaching out for help

"I've been thinking too much/I've been thinking too much/Help me."

- Who is the singer asking for help? Why?
- If you were struggling and needed help, who would you reach out to?

Get creative!

- Draw a web with you in the centre. Add the names of people in your life you trust and can talk to about the ups and downs of life.
- Identify and present a song of your choice that involves the themes of struggle and reaching out for help.