

# Rolling Stones, Paint it Black (1966)



YouTube : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVrdXUHvsF0>

**Listen to the song by the Rolling Stones and fill in the blanks:**

I see a red .....and I want to paint it black  
No .....anymore I want them to turn black  
I see the girls walk by dressed in their summer clothes  
I have to turn my head until my .....goes  
I see a line of cars and they're all painted black  
With flowers and my love both never to .....  
I see people turn their heads and quickly look away  
Like a new born baby it just .....every day  
I look inside myself and see my..... is black  
No colours anymore  
I want them to turn black  
Maybe then I'll fade away and not have to .....  
It's not easy facing up when your whole..... is black  
  
No more will my green sea go turn a deeper blue  
I could not..... this thing happening to .....  
If I look hard enough into the .....sun  
My love will laugh with me before the morning comes  
  
I see a red .....and I want to paint it black  
No .....anymore I want them to turn black  
I see the girls walk by dressed in their summer clothes  
I have to turn my head until my .....goes  
ah, ah, ah,...  
I wanna see your face painted black  
Black as....., black as .....  
I wanna see the sun blotted out from the sky  
I wanna see it painted, painted, painted black  
Yeah!

**Analysis.**

**1- In the second stanza, the pronoun “you” is used. Who do you think this song was written to?**

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**2- Why can't the singer look at other people?**

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**3- What are the main themes tackled in the song?**

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**4- Colours. What do the colours red and black symbolise?**

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**5- How does the singer feel? Why doesn't he want any colours in his life anymore?**

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**6- What extreme solution is he even thinking about?**

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**7- Read the second stanza again. What could have happened to the person the song is written to?**

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**8- Do you think it is easy to identify with the song?**

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**9- Do you think music is a good way to express one's feelings? Why?**

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**10- Do you think there are other ways?**

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