

# David Bowie, *Life on Mars?* (1971)



YouTube : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UipTt-ggZOE>

1) Listen and fill in the blanks.

It's a god-awful small affair  
To the ..... with the mousy hair  
But her mummy is yelling, "No!"  
And her daddy ..... her to go  
But her friend is nowhere to be seen  
Now she walks through her sunken dream  
To the seat with the ..... view  
And she..... to the silver screen

But the film is a saddening bore  
For she..... it ten times or more  
She could spit in the eyes of fools  
As they ask her to focus on

*[Chorus:]*

Sailors fighting in the dance hall  
Oh man!  
Look at those cavemen go  
It's the ..... show  
Take a look at the Lawman  
Beating up the wrong guy  
Oh man! Wonder if he'll ever know  
He's in the ..... selling show  
Is there life on .....?

It's on America's tortured brow  
That Mickey Mouse ..... up a cow  
Now the workers ..... for fame  
'Cause Lennon's on sale again  
See the mice in their million hordes  
From Ibiza to the Norfolk Broads  
Rule Britannia is out of bounds  
To my mother, my dog, and clowns

But the ..... is a saddening bore  
'Cause I wrote it ten times or more  
It's about to be writ again  
As I ..... you to focus on

- 1) In the two first stanzas, **underline** a verb in the present simple, **circle** a verb in the present continuous and **highlight** a verb in the present perfect.
- 2) **Pronunciation of the letter -o-**. Put these words in the right column, according to the pronunciation of the letter -o-.

god/ to/ no/ go/ bore/ for/ more/ focus/ sailors/ those/ show/ wrong/ wonder/ know/ tortured/ brow/ mouse/  
cow/ now/horde/ broad/ bounds/ mother/ dog/ clowns/ wrote

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- 3) The main character is:
  - a) A young girl
  - b) A teenager
  - c) A middle aged woman

Justify: .....

- 4) She feels:
  - a) Excited
  - b) Sad
  - c) Disillusioned
  - d) Envious
  - e) Disappointed
  - f) Nostalgic

Why? What does she think about life? What does she dream about?

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- 5) Explain the title of the song.

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