

Gender Inequality in Music



“Get ready for a parade” - Samanta Tina’s “The Moon is Rising” lyrics encourage women to know their true value. Written and composed by: Samanta Tina, Aminata Savadogo and Oskars Uhaņs



- ▶ “The Moon Is Rising” is a powerful feminist anthem that uses bold statements and imagery. The first two lines make utilise fantasy metaphors to convey a sense of divinity about women, “The queen of the night is coming, the blood moon is rising”. The next verse describes women as people with immense power, again using the divinity theme “You can run, you can hide, but you’re mesmerised, in your mind I am already idolised”.

Samanta's self-assurance is key to the song, and she demonstrates immense security about herself as a person. "*Playing dirty, not my case, giving up hopes, not my case, being envious, not my case*". And she proclaims: *you got something to say, say it to my face!*" In the second verse, Samanta speaks to other women and offers to also help them achieve security: " *I will lead, I will guide you on your way, I am here to remind you that you're in the right place.*" She continues on the collaborative idea throughout the song, as she says, "*my rules, your rules, everybody follow my way*"

The singer also makes it clear to any men: “I’m a woman, I’m a ruler, I’m accepting only true love”.

Helping women seeing their worth is very important to her, and she wants them to be proud no matter who they are. In her words: “I invite women to not be afraid of ourselves and of being different. My song encourages women to make a crown with their own hands and put it on the head to be the ruler of life. To love and believe in ourselves. Then we will be loved by the people around us.”



The Moon Is Rising

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The queen of the night is coming
The bloody moon is rising
When I walk in like this with an attitude
You should know that I'm coming after you
You can run, you can hide, but you're mesmerized
In your mind, I am already idolized
Playing dirty, not my case
Giving up hopes, not my case
Being envious, not my case
You got something to say, say it to my face
The queen of the night is coming
The blood moon is rising
Pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra-pa
Pa-ra-ra, pa-parade
Pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra-pa
Pa-ra-ra, pa (get ready for a)
Pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra-pa
Pa-ra-ra, pa-parade
Pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra, pa-ra-ra-pa
Pa-ra-ra, pa-parade
I will glow, I will burn, illuminate
Bring the passion inside, let me touch your fate
I will lead, I will guide you on your way
I am here to remind you're in the right place
Playing dirty, not my case
Giving up hopes, not my case
Being envious, not my case
You got something to say, say it to my face
My rules, your rules
I'm a woman, I'm a ruler
Rules, your rules
I'm accepting only true love
Rules, your rules
I'm a woman, I'm a ruler
You got something to say, say it to my face
My rules, your rules
Getting ready for the parade
Rules, your rules
No excuses, if it's too late

Discussions/Debates

1. Watch video, listen to the song. Do you like it? Why?
2. What do the “The Moon is Rising” lyrics mean?
3. Are there different parts in the song? Which ones? How do you know?
4. How does the verse describe women?
5. How do you understand the words” I am a woman, I am a ruler” ?
6. Finish the sentences: a) This song is **about**.....
b. I invite women to not be.....
6. What is the message of the song? What is she trying to say? Is there anything she doesn't like?

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