**Song/Artist:** “Anthem” by Good Charlotte

Summary: This song is about a person speaking out against conformity. He wants to be himself and wants others to do the same thing, rather than following the crowd or doing what others thing they should.

**Transcendental Characteristics**: Self-Reliance & Disregard for Authority

**Explanation w/ text evidence.** “go to college, a university, get a real job, that’s what they said to me…” “They” want him to do the typical thing – go to college, but he is going to do what he wants to do, not what they want him to do. He will rely on himself and disregard them.

**Example of 2 sentences:**

In Good Charlotte’s song “Anthem,” the speaker talks about wanting to do things his way and not the things “they” want him to do, expressing self-reliance and a disregard for authority. He says he doesn’t want to go to “college, a university, get a real job, that’s what they said to me,” and that he will rely on himself to make his own way in his world.