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## People Help the People: Birdy

God knows what is hiding in those  
weak and drunken hearts  
I guess you kissed the girls and made  
them cry  
Those hard-faced Queens of  
**misadventure**  
God knows what is hiding in those  
weak and **sunken** lives  
A Fiery throng of muted angels  
Giving love and getting nothing back  
People help the people  
And if you're **homesick**,  
give me your hand and I'll hold it  
People help the people  
And nothing will drag you down  
Oh and if I had a brain,  
Oh and if I had a brain  
I'd be cold as a stone and rich as the  
fool  
That turned, all those good hearts away

God knows what is hiding, in this world  
of little consequence  
Behind the tears, inside the lies  
A thousand slowly dying sunsets

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weak and drunken hearts  
I guess the loneliness came knocking  
No one needs to be alone, oh save me  
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### Vocabulary and Phrases

1. **Misadventure (n.):** an unfortunate incident; a mishap.
2. **Sunken (a.):** having sunk or deeply recessed.
3. **A throng of:** a large, densely packed crowd of people or animals.
4. **Fiery (a.):** consisting of fire or burning strongly and brightly.
5. **Muted (a.):** being quiet and soft.
6. **Homesick (a.):** experiencing a longing for one's home during a period of absence from it.
7. **To drag something down:** to bring someone or something to a lower level or standard.
8. **Of little consequence:** insignificant, or unimportant.

### Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about this song in general?
2. Please talk about an experience related to helping people.
3. Have you ever had an unforgettable experience of being helped?
4. How do you feel when you help someone out?
5. Imagine you are travelling abroad, what kind of situation might you encounter in which you need help? Have you ever been helped while travelling?
6. If you are far away from home and feel homesick, how would you deal with the feeling?
7. If you encounter someone having problems on the street, would you help him or her? For example, would you pick up a hitchhiker?
8. Regarding the question above, do you think that helping strangers in need is common in Taiwan or in any other country? Why or why not?