

# Firework: Katy Perry

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Do you ever feel like a plastic bag  
**Drifting** through the wind, wanting to start again?  
Do you ever feel, **feel so paper thin**  
Like **a house of cards**, one blow from **caving in**?

Do you ever feel already buried deep?  
**Six feet under**- scream, but no one seems to hear a thing  
Do you know that there's still a chance for you  
'Cause there's a spark in you?

You just gotta **ignite** the light, and let it shine  
Just **own the night** like the 4th of July

'Cause baby, you're a firework  
Come on, show 'em what you're worth  
Make 'em go, oh, oh, oh  
As you shoot across the sky-y-y

Baby, you're a firework  
Come on, **let your colors burst**  
Make 'em go, oh, oh, oh  
You're gonna leave 'em falling down-own-own

You don't have to feel like **a waste of space**  
You're original, cannot be replaced  
If you only knew what the future holds  
After a hurricane comes a rainbow

Maybe the reason why all the doors are closed  
So you could open one that leads you to the perfect road  
Like a lightning bolt, your heart will blow  
And when it's time, you'll know

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Baby, you're a firework  
Come on, let your colors burst  
Make 'em go, oh, oh, oh  
You're gonna leave 'em all in *awe-awe-awe*

Boom, boom, boom  
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon  
It's always been inside of you, you, you  
And now it's time to let it through

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Come on, show 'em what you're worth  
Make 'em go, oh, oh, oh  
As you shoot across the sky-y-y

Baby, you're a firework  
Come on, let your colors burst  
Make 'em go, oh, oh, oh  
You're gonna leave 'em falling down

Boom, boom, boom  
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon  
Boom, boom, boom  
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon

## Vocabulary and Phrases

**To drift:** to wander without a clear idea of where you want to go.

**To feel paper thin:** to feel small, worthless; very sensitive.

**House of cards:** a 'house' made out of cards



**To cave in:** to stop resisting or refusing; to collapse; to give up.

**Six feet under:** if someone is six feet under, it means that they are dead.

**To ignite:** to set something on fire.

**To own the night:** to control and choose your actions; do what you want to do; to be confident.

**To let your colors burst:** to show who you really are.

**A waste of space:** something useless; nothing important.

**To show what your worth:** to show someone what you can do; to show someone what you are adept at.

## Discussion Questions

1. What do you think 'After a hurricane comes a rainbow' means? (see underlined sentence in the song)
2. In your opinion, what is the moral of this song/video?
3. What issues/challenges did you observe in the music video? (make a list of the issues/challenges you saw)
4. How did each character in the video overcome their issue/challenge?
5. What do you think are the main issues/challenges that university students deal with? (make a list)
6. How can the issues/challenges that university students face be overcome?
7. Do you like this music video? Why or why not?
8. Why do you think people in Taiwan enjoy setting off fireworks so much? Do you like fireworks?

*Each person in the discussion group try to think of one of their own questions related to this song/topic.*