

## Mean: Taylor Swift

You, with your words like knives,  
and swords and weapons that you use against  
me,  
You, have knocked me off my feet again,  
got me feeling like nothing.

You, with your voice like nails on a chalkboard  
calling me out when I'm wounded,  
You, picking on the weaker man.

Well you can take me down with just one single  
blow,  
But you don't know what you don't know.

Someday, I'll be living in a big old city,  
And all you're ever gonna be is mean.  
Someday, I'll be big enough so you can't hit me,  
And all you're ever gonna be is mean.  
Why you gotta be so mean?

You, with your **switching** sides and your  
**wildfire** lies and your **humiliation**,  
You, have pointed out my **flaws** again,  
as if I don't already see them,  
I walk with my head down trying to block you  
out cuz I'll never **impress** you,  
I just wanna feel okay again.

I'll bet you got pushed around,  
somebody made you cold,  
But the cycle ends right now  
cuz you can't lead me down that road.  
And you don't know what you don't know.

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And all you're ever gonna be is mean.  
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Why you gotta be so mean?

And I can see you years from now in a bar  
talking over a football game,  
With that same big loud opinion  
but nobody's listening,  
Washed up and **ranting** about the same old bitter  
things,  
Drunk and **grumbling** on about how I can't sing,

But all you are is mean.  
All you are is mean, and a liar, and **pathetic**,  
and alone in life and mean.  
And mean, and mean, and mean

But someday, I'll be living in a big old city,  
And all you're ever gonna be is mean.  
Yeah, yeah.  
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And all you're ever gonna be is mean.  
Why you gotta be so mean?

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Official Music Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYa1eI1hpDE>

Lyrics video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi5F3PGd1WU>

## **Vocabulary and Phrases**

**switch:** to replace one thing with another, or exchange things [= change]

**wildfire:** a fire that moves quickly and cannot be controlled

**humiliation:** a feeling of shame and great embarrassment, because you have been made to look stupid or weak

**flaw:** a fault in someone's character

**impress:** to make someone feel admiration and respect

**rant:** to speak or complain about something in a loud and/or angry way

**grumble:** to keep complaining in an unhappy way [= moan]

**pathetic:** something or someone that is pathetic is so useless, unsuccessful, or weak that they annoy you

## **Discussion Questions**

1. What do you think this song wants to represent?
2. Do you like this song? Why or why not?
3. Why did the girl in the star dress sigh?
4. Why did the girl wearing the blue bow look so sad at the beginning of the song?
5. What do you think "Someday, I'll be big enough so you can't hit me" wants to express?
6. Has anyone ever been mean to you? Why?
7. What will you do to deal with the people who are mean to you?
8. Do you like the style of the song? Why?