

Work – poems and song + rephrasing

A. Read these two lyrics and comment on them.

Don't Talk To Me About Work

A Perfect day to get out of bed
Shower, dress, shave, kiss you on the head
Then I hit the office and my head starts to swim
A perfect day to just walk around
See a violent movie and check the sounds
But even on the street when I hear a phone ring
my heart starts to beat
When I get home I don't want you to speak
Don't talk to me about work
Please don't talk to me about work
I'm up to my eyeballs in dirt -
With work, with work
How many dollars
How many sales
How many liars
How many tales
How many insults must you take in this one life
I'm in prison most of the day
So please excuse me if I get this way
But I have got obligations to keep -
So be very careful when you speak
Don't talk to me about work
Please don't talk to me about work
I'm up to my eyeballs in dirt -
With work, with work
Don't talk to me about work
Please don't talk to me about work
I'm up to my eyeballs in dirt -
With work, with work

Lou Reed

Goin' to Work

The alarm went off but I wasn't asleep
After tossin' and turnin' all night what a relief
To go to work, get up and go to work
So I get onto the highway and I head into town
There's one part of my life I won't let you tear down
Yeah and that's my work-right now I'm goin' to work

When the whistle blows, I'll be there
Life goes on even when it's not fair
And who's got time to hurt, right now
I got to go to work

Now I remember what it is I do
For a while I thought my life was just loving you
But now it's back to work
Oh thank God for my work
So from nine to five I take a break from an empty
Bed and a heart that aches, I'm good at my work
Oh I'm good at my work

When the whistle blows, I'll be there
Life goes on even when it's not fair
And who's got time to hurt, right now
I got to go to work

Oh I got to stay busy that's the only way
Throw myself into my business and collect my pay
Watch me keep it together while I fall apart
'cause a world won't stop for a broken heart
Oh no, no

When the whistle blows, I'll be there
Life goes on even when it's not fair
And who's got time to hurt, right now
I got to go to work
Watch me I'm goin' to work
Oh yeah you know I'm good at my work
Right now I'm goin' to work
Goin' to work

Martina McBride

B. Now, listen to the song *Let's work!* (by Mick Jagger) and fill in the blanks with the words missing.

<p>No sitting down on your butt The world don't 1 _____ you No sitting down in a rut I wanna 2 _____ you Don't waste your energy On making 3 _____ Just take a deep breath And work your way up</p> <p>Let's work, be 4 _____ Stand tall, touch the clouds Man and woman, be free Let's work, kill 5 _____</p> <p>La, la, la Work your way up</p> <p>Let's work, be 4 _____ Stand 6 _____, touch the clouds Man and woman, be free Let's work, kill 5 _____</p> <p>You're sitting down on your butt And you get 7 _____ You start to lose your nuts</p>	<p>Don't you look 8 _____ Can generosity bring you humility So take a deep breath</p> <p>Ain't gonna 9 _____ for you Ain't gonna sigh for you Ain't gonna cry for you If you're 10 _____ Ain't gonna slave for you Ain't gonna 11 _____ for you It just won't work for you If you're 10 _____</p> <p>Let's work, be 4 _____ Stand 6 _____, touch the clouds Let's work, let's eat Let's live in 12 _____ Man and woman, be free Let's work, kill 5 _____</p> <p>Let's work, be 4 _____ Stand 6 _____, touch the clouds Man and woman, be free</p> <p>Let's work, let's work Get down in the dirt and let's work</p>
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C. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meaning. Begin as suggested.

1. He is very smart but he won't succeed.
No matter how _____
2. If he doesn't have a good mark his father won't give him a gift.
Unless _____
3. If I were a boy I would stay in the village.
Were _____
4. The boy has never failed in an exam.
Never _____
5. I have never seen such a friendly boy.
He _____
6. They are asking help.
Help _____
7. David will buy a new car.
A new car _____
8. They don't write good poems.
Good poems _____
9. Mummy asked, 'where is the knife?'.
Mummy asked me _____
10. She reported that they stole fruit.
They _____