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In Class 9

Just a Girl (No Doubt, 1995)  
Take this pink ribbon off my eyes  
I'm exposed  
And it's no big surprise  
Don't you think I know  
Exactly where I stand  
This world is forcing me  
To hold your hand  
'Cause I'm just a girl, little ol' me  
Well don't let me out of your sight  
Oh, I'm just a girl, all pretty and petite  
So don't let me have any rights  
Oh, I've had it up to here!  
The moment that I step outside  
So many reasons  
For me to run and hide  
I can't do the little things  
I hold so dear  
'Cause it's all those little things  
That I fear  
'Cause I'm just a girl  
I'd rather not be  
'Cause they won't let me drive  
Late at night  
Oh I'm just a girl  
Guess I'm some kind of freak  
'Cause they all sit and stare  
With their eyes  
Oh I'm just a girl  
Take a good look at me  
Just your typical prototype  
Oh, I've had it up to here!  
Oh, am I making myself clear?  
I'm just a girl  
I'm just a girl in the world  
That's all that you'll let me be!  
Oh I'm just a girl, living in captivity  
Your rule of thumb  
Make me worry some  
Oh I'm just a girl, what's my destiny?  
What I've succumbed to  
Is making me numb  
Oh I'm just a girl, my apologies  
What I've become is so burdensome  
Oh I'm just a girl, lucky me  
Twiddle-dum there's no comparison  
Oh, I've had it up to!  
Oh, I've had it up to!!  
Oh, I've had it up to here  
Songwriters: Gwen Stefani / Thomas Dumont  
Just a Girl lyrics © Kobalt Music Publishing Ltd.

Create a topic sentence that claims this song (identify artist & title) appeals to logos.

* Based upon the evidence and reasoning, what do you interpret to be the song’s thematic main claim?
  + Claim: Girl are only there to be objectified by men
* Quote all evidence the artist provides in the lyrics to prove the claim.
  + I’m just a girl – repeated
  + The world is forcing me to hold your hand
  + Don’t let me have any rights
  + Don’t let me out of your sight
  + So many reasons for me to run and hide
  + Cause they all sit and stare with their eyes
* Quote any of the artist’s reasoning in the lyrics where they try to explain why the evidence supports the claim. Also add some of your own reasoning to explain the evidence.
  + For me to run and hide  
    I can't do the little things
  + After she sings, I’m just a girl” she says something about women and how she lives her life and each one proves her claim.

Harry Chapin – Why Do Little Girls Lyrics  
from album: Living Room Suite (1978)  
Why did the little girls grow crooked  
While the little boys grow tall  
The boys were taught to tumble  
The girls told not to fall  
The girls answered the telephone  
The boys answered the call  
That's why little girls grew crooked  
While the little boys grew tall  
Why did the little girls grow crippled  
While the little boys grow strong  
The boys allowed to come of age  
The girls just came along  
The girls were told sing harmonies  
The boys could all sing songs  
That's why little girls grew crippled  
While little boys grew strong  
Why did the little girls come broken  
While the little boys came whole  
The little boys were set aflame  
The girls told to fan the coals  
The boys all told to be themselves  
While the girls were told play the roles  
That's why little girls came broken  
While little boys came whole  
Why were the little girls all frightened  
To be just what they are  
The boys were told to ask themselves  
How high how far  
The girls were told to reach the shelves  
While the boys were reaching stars  
That's why little girls were frightened  
To be just what they are  
And still they bled for us all  
As the moon rode the sky  
They carried our seed  
When our need ran high  
They fed all our children  
In the night as they cried  
Womankind wept  
As mankind died  
Why were the little girls left hurtin'  
When all the boys were done  
And the girls left in the moonlight  
When the boys went to meet the sun  
And when the girls were open  
Why had the little all won?  
That's why little girls were hurtin'  
When the little boys were done  
Why did the little girls grow crooked  
While the little boys grew tall  
It's maybe because the little boys  
Didn't ever have to grow up at all

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* Quote all the evidence the artist provides in the lyrics to prove the claim.
* Quote any of the artist’s reasoning in the lyrics where they try to explain why the evidence supports the claim. Also add some of your own reasoning to explain the evidence.