

MUS 15: David Bowie

Section Meeting 7

Monday, February 22, 2021

Meeting Outline

1. Opening Song: *Loving The Alien*
2. Announcements
3. Conversation about Module 7
4. Discussion
5. Questions

Opening Song:

Loving The Alien

Announcements

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- Discussion 6 is DUE by tomorrow, [Feb 23](#) at 11:59 pm.
- Discussion 7 is DUE by next Monday, [Mar 1](#) at 11:59 pm.
- Paper 2 is DUE by Thursday, [Mar 11](#) at 11:59 pm.
- **All other Unit 2 assignments are DUE by Thursday, [Mar 18](#) at 6:30 pm.** These include the weekly in-module quizzes and the Unit 2 test.

Conversation about Module 7

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- **Module 7 covered the following key topics:**
 - Bowie's big expensive tours in the 1980s
 - His apparent betrayal of his original fan base
 - The formation of his new rock band Tin Machine
 - His albums *Tonight* and *Never Let Me Down*
- Can you pick out similarities between [Love My Way](#) by The Psychedelic Furs (1982) and [Loving The Alien](#) by David Bowie (1984)? Do you think Bowie's "Berlin Period" music influenced *Love My Way*? Do you think *Love My Way* influenced Bowie's *Loving The Alien*?
- What were your thoughts about the three versions of *White Light/White Heat*?

Discussion

Discussion: Week 7

- **Please address the following topic for Discussion 7:**
 - Is it possible for an artist to reclaim their integrity once it's lost? Also, as began to happen to Bowie in the late 1980s, is it fair for others to reassess the past work of an artist after their integrity is lost? Is it fair for older works to lose their value and meaning? Can you think of examples where the entire oeuvre of an artist gets reassessed after their integrity is lost in the present?
- **Some questions to get you thinking:**
 - What would it take for an artist to regain their integrity? How would their path to reconciliation depend on the offence they committed (i.e. selling out vs. controversial statements vs. criminal actions)? Does the cultural context matter?

Discussion: Week 7

- To earn full credit for this assignment, your post must be at least 250 words long, and you must provide a 2-3 sentence response to at least one other student's post.
- *In your response to the other student, please be supportive by providing constructive feedback.*

Questions