

Meta Meta

ANSWER: FOOLSGOLD

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Start by taking the verbose versions of the 'LESSONS' given, and find their colloquial phrases: (time flies when you're having fun, etc...). These idiomatic expressions are then merged with a Phoebe Bridgers song on the last word. Knowing the song, you look into the gold highlighted words of interest shown, and see that they all are one-letter off anagrams of a specific word in the lesson clue phrase given. Writing down the letters added to make the word, you get **FOOLSGOLD**, the answer to the puzzle and the hunt!

META	LESSON:	aka	MIXUP FROM		WORD OF INTEREST	ANAGRAM PARTNER	letter added
TIMEFLIES	"Moments are framed in a shorter scale when tending to the local elderly"	TIME FLIES when you're having a FUNERAL	5th:	<i>And I have this dream where I'm screaming underwater</i>	DREAM	FRAMED	F
			13th:	<i>I have a friend I call</i>	CALL	LOCAL	O
SHOOT	"Take a good chance; aim upwards to slay a planetary body melody"	SHOOT for the MOON SONG	9th	<i>Like a dog with a bird at your door</i>	DOG	GOOD	O
			19th	<i>And there's something I'm supposed to say</i>	SAY	SLAY	L
CAUSE	"With haste , stir up a situation that, if taken too far, could result in someones gown being soiled "	CAUSE a comMOTION SICKNESS	1st	<i>I hate you for what you did</i>	HATE	HASTE	S
			22nd	<i>I guess it's too late to change it now</i>	NOW	GOWN	G
			7th	<i>I only went one time, you let it slide</i>	SLIDE	SOILED	O
LETOFF	"Expel your rangled energy unleashing a dirty cylinder machine"	LETOFF some STEAMROLLER	26th	<i>But there's a danger</i>	DANGER	RANGLED	L
			1st	<i>I am tired of being sad</i>	TIRED	DIRTED	D