



<http://www.isabelperez.com/songs/cancer.htm>

1. Listen to the song and fill the gaps with the verbs in the table, then use the dictionary to understand all of them and get the meaning of the song:

abandoned, ask, bury, call, counting, gather, get, help, hope, kiss, know, leaving, living, marry, see, turn, say

_____ away
If you could _____ me a drink
Of water cause my lips are chapped and faded
_____ my Aunt Marie
_____ her _____ all my things
And _____ me
In all my favorite colors,
My sisters and my brothers, still,
I will not _____ you,
Cause the hardest part of this,
Is _____ you.

Now _____ away,
Cause* I'm awful just to _____
Cause all my hair's _____ all my body,
All my agony,
_____ that I will never _____,
Baby, I'm just soggy from the chemo*,
But _____ down the days to _____.
It just ain't* _____
And I just _____ you _____,

That if you _____, (If you _____)
Good-bye today, (Good-bye today)
I'd _____ you to be true (I'd _____ you to be true)
Cause the hardest part of this,
Is _____ you...

Cause the hardest part of this,
Is _____ you...

*ain't = isn't

*cause = because

*chemo = chemotherapy

2. Read the following phrases from the song and say which words are nouns and which are adjectives.

my lips are chapped and faded
my favorite colors
the hardest part
I'm awful
I'm just soggy
To be true

Translate the phrases and say which adjectives are positive and which are negative.

3. From Direct to Indirect Speech.

This song uses "direct speech" as the speaker is talking to his girlfriend directly, so we can use it to work "reported speech"

- a. Find some imperative sentences in "direct speech" and change them into "reported speech":
- b. Find a request. Change it into "reported speech":
- c. Now, turn rewrite the other statements (negative and affirmative) in reported speech.

4. Read the song once again and answer the following questions:

- a. What has happened to the protagonist of this song?
- b. Why is he feeling bad?
- c. Why is he so pessimistic?
- d. Who is he talking to?

5. Now watch the video and write the story in your own words.

CANCER
By The Chemical Romance

Turn away
If you could get me a drink
Of water cause my lips are chapped and faded
Call my Aunt Marie
Help her gather all my things
And bury me
In all my favorite colors,
My sisters and my brothers, still,
I will not kiss you,
Cause the hardest part of this,
Is leaving you.

Now turn away,
Cause I'm awful just to see
Cause all my hair's abandoned all my body,
All my agony,
Know that I will never marry,
Baby, I'm just soggy from the chemo,
But counting down the days to go.
It just ain't living
And I just hope you know,

That if you say, (If you say)
Good-bye today, (Good-bye today)
I'd ask you to be true (I'd ask you to be true)
Cause the hardest part of this,
Is leaving you...

Cause the hardest part of this,
Is leaving you...