

## Mother - Pink Floyd (1979)

Mother do you think they'll drop the \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother do you think they'll like the \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother do you think they'll try to \_\_\_\_\_  
Ooooh aah, Mother should I build a \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother should I run for \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother should I trust the \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother will they put me in the \_\_\_\_\_ line  
Ooooh aah, is it just a \_\_\_\_\_ of time  
\_\_\_\_\_ now baby don't you \_\_\_\_\_  
Mama's gonna make all of your  
\_\_\_\_\_ come true  
Mama's gonna put all of her \_\_\_\_\_ into you  
Mama's gonna \_\_\_\_\_ you right here  
Under her \_\_\_\_\_  
She won't let you \_\_\_\_\_ but she might let you sing  
Mama will keep baby \_\_\_\_\_ and warm  
Ooooh Babe Ooooh Babe Ooooh Babe  
Of course Mama's gonna \_\_\_\_\_ build the wall  
Mother do think she's good \_\_\_\_\_ for me  
Mother do think she's \_\_\_\_\_ to me  
Mother will she \_\_\_\_\_ your little boy \_\_\_\_\_  
Oooh aah, mother will she \_\_\_\_\_ my heart  
Hush now baby, baby don't you cry  
Mama's gonna \_\_\_\_\_ all your girl friends for you  
Mama won't let anyone \_\_\_\_\_ get through  
Mama's gonna \_\_\_\_\_ till you come in  
Mama will always \_\_\_\_\_ where you've been  
Mamma's gonna keep baby \_\_\_\_\_ and clean  
Ooooh Babe Ooooh Babe Ooooh Babe  
You'll always be a \_\_\_\_\_ to me  
Mother, did it need to be so \_\_\_\_\_

**bomb, break my balls, check out, find out, wait up,  
president, government, dangerous, Hush, Nightmares, tear  
(...)apart, dirty, break, firing, cosy, fears, song, waste, keep,  
wing, enough, healthy, wall, cry, fly, help, baby, high**

•"Mother" by Pink Floyd in their album "The Wall" (and the movie) is about the main character Pink's difficulties in life due to his up bringing. His father died in WWII and he was raised by his mother who was very loving but sometimes overbearing and domineering. She protected him from everything and therefore built a "wall" of protection around him as a boy. He grew up without any male influence (reference: scene from the movie where he walks up to another father on a play-ground and holds his hand as to say "You'll be my new father"--the man pushes him away). In a sense, Pink is a mommas-boy who is very dependent on her for life decisions and he has been stunted in his ability to face troubles in life. The song particularly relates how his mother attempts to shield him from sex. Other bricks are placed as a result of his repressive school, his failed marriage, the fame that comes with his grown up musical career, and so on.

Throughout the album, it makes heavy references to a distrust of the government, schools (teachers, principals), the military-any big authoritarian organization.

•So what i think, is that its making reference to books like 1984 by George Orwell. As they make it sound like mother is big brother . with the protective to the point where "she wont let you fly but she might let you sink" saying that the Gov. trys to help but in the end it does not. Also wit the singer asking mother what to do never following his own free will. There is no more free will. Also it sounds like brave new world that we've lost all personality and we all rely on what we think we know.

•I always thought "Mother" was authority in general. Could be parent, government, religion, depression/ anxiety, whatever we allow to have power in our life. Pretty bleak song. We want to know what to expect and what to do in this life, but the source that offers answers usually also has the power. If we want a certain future, we must relinquish personal freedom and control. Seeking reassurance in a world of uncertainty is a losing game.

•It's about people in communist Soviet Russia and how they had to be dependent on what Mother Land Russia had to say: *the bomb* = American Nuclear threat; *do you think they'll like this song?* = total control of free thinking; *they'll try to break my balls* = Stalin's torture camps and special police; *the wall* = Berlin Wall; *should I run for President* = common man's governance; *should I trust the government?* = common man's ignorance; *will they put me in the firing line?* = Compulsory Army drafting; *Is it just a waste of time?* = People losing hope on communism. It's a personification of Soviet promise to take care of all her children. Of how 'mother land' is above individual needs. He wants to leave the motherland for USA in hope of better living. It also portrays how well propaganda conditioning for generations work, because he still has questions about what life will be after leaving the motherland. 'She' here is America. Mother Russia promise to keep her children safe from all evils of capitalism and strife. Life with 'mother' is far comfortable than the gauntlet of capitalism.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ give them a hard time.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a polite or timid boy or man who is excessively close to and solicitous of his mother.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ asserting one's will over another in an arrogant way.
4. run the \_\_\_\_\_ go through an intimidating or dangerous experience in order to reach a goal.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ conscript (sb) for military service.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the action of removing someone's doubts or fears.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ concerned, caring, attentive, mindful, interested