

Worksheet—Don Williams “I Believe”

Read the lyrics for the song “I Believe” by Don Williams

I don't believe in superstars,
organic food and foreign cars.
I don't believe the price of gold;
the certainty of growing old,
that right is right and left is wrong,
that north and south can't get along,
that east is east and west is west,
and being first is always best.

But I believe in love.
I believe in babies.
I believe in mom and dad.
And I believe in you.

Well, I don't believe that heaven waits,
for only those who congregate.
I like to think of God as love:
He's down below, He's up above.
He's watching people everywhere.
He knows who does and doesn't care.
And I'm an ordinary man.
Sometimes I wonder who I am.

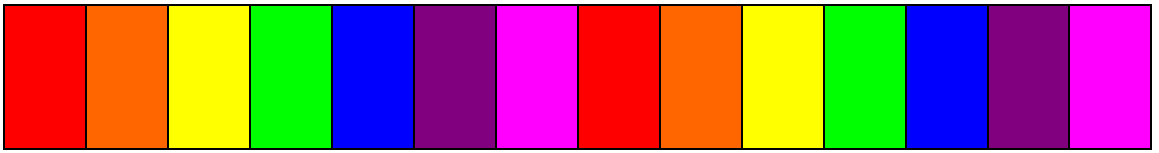
But I believe in love.
I believe in music.
I believe in magic.
And I believe in you.

Well, I know with all my certainty,
what's going on with you and me,
is a good thing.
It's true, I believe in you.

I don't believe virginity
is as common as it used to be,
in working days and sleeping nights,
that black is black and white is white,
that Superman and Robin Hood
are still alive in Hollywood,
that gasoline's in short supply,
the rising cost of getting by.

But I believe in love.
I believe in old folks.
I believe in children.
I believe in you.

I believe in love.
I believe in babies.
I believe in mom and dad.
And I believe in you.



Answer these questions about the song

“To believe” means to think it is true. In the song, Don Williams says “I don’t believe...” about many things. For example, “I don’t believe that heaven waits for only those who congregate.” Can you find more examples of things Don Williams doesn’t think are true.

“To believe in” is different from “to believe”. Let’s look at the difference. To believe in means to (1) trust it or (2) think it’s a good idea or (3) have hope for its future.

Find an example of (1), (2), and (3).

(1)

(2)

(3)

What is organic food?

What does “I don’t believe [in] the certainty of growing old” mean?

“Right is right and left is wrong” is about politicians. Do you know of any “right” politicians? How about a “left” politician?

What does “Heaven waits for only those who congregate mean”?

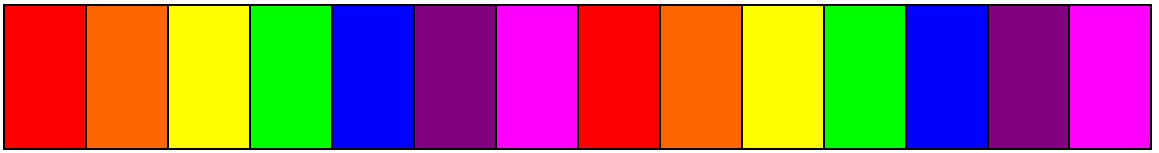
- a) Only people who believe in God go to heaven
- b) Only people that go to church go to heaven
- c) Only some people go to heaven

Does he think there are more or fewer virgins these days? a) more b) fewer

Do you know who Superman is? How about Robin Hood?

What does “folks” mean?

- a) People
- b) Dogs
- c) Cars



Answer Key

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He doesn’t believe that we will certainly get old, that right is right, that left is wrong, that east is east and west is west and being first is always best, that heaven waits for only those who congregate, that virginity is as common as it used to be, that Superman and Robin Hood are still alive in Hollywood, or that gasoline’s in short supply.

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Find an example of (1), (2), and (3). *Answers may be different, but for example.*

- (1) *Mom and Dad*
- (2) *Love*
- (3) *Children*

What is organic food? *Food without chemicals added to it.*

What does “I don’t believe [in] the certainty of growing old” mean? *It means that we might die before we are old. (For example, maybe a bus will hit us.)*

“Right is right and left is wrong” is about politicians. Do you know of any “right” politicians? How about a “left” politician? *George Bush is “right”. Barack Obama is “left”.*

What does “Heaven waits for only those who congregate mean”?

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- b) Only people that go to church go to heaven**
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Do you know who Superman is? How about Robin Hood? *They are imaginary heroes.*

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