

# Goodbye My Lover – James Blunt



## I. Global understanding: Video Clip Analysis

You will first watch the [clip](#) without sound. Try to identify the main topic.  
Here are some questions to help you =

- 1- There are two distinct parts in this clip. Find the elements of contrast.
- 2- How can you see the difference? Explain?
- 3- There are symbols in this clip try to find some.

## II. Understanding the details: Video Clip Analysis

- 1- What does the colour “white” usually refer to? What does it mean here?
- 2- What does the water symbolize in the clip?
- 3- What does the marble statue represent?

## III. Understanding the details: Lyrics Analysis

### A- Working on Phonetics

1- Here is a list of words that echo in the song. First of all, classify them into the right column  
frown / right / there / soul / goals / you / head / bed / begun/ won/ night/ down/ when/ smell/ care / one / friend

[aʊ]	[aɪ]	[eə]	[əʊ]	[ju:]	[e]	[ʌ]

2- Now listen to the first verse and chorus; fill in the gaps with those words.

### *"Goodbye My Lover": The Lyrics*

<p><b>Verse 1</b></p> <p>Did I disappoint you or let you _____ ? Should I be feeling guilty or let the judges _____ ? 'Cause I saw the end before we'd _____, Yes I saw you were blinded and I knew I had _____. So I took what's mine by eternal _____, Took your soul out into the _____. It may be over but it won't stop _____, I am here for you if you'd only _____. You touched my heart you touched my _____. You changed my life and all my _____. And love is blind and that I knew _____, My heart was blinded by _____. I've kissed your lips and held your _____. Shared your dreams and shared your _____. I know you well, I know your _____. I've been addicted to _____.</p>	<p><b>Verse 2</b></p> <p>I am a dreamer but when I wake, You can't break my spirit - it's my dreams you take. And as you move on, remember me, Remember us and all we used to be I've seen you cry, I've seen you smile. I've watched you sleeping for a while. I'd be the father of your child. I'd spend a lifetime with you. I know your fears and you know mine. We've had our doubts but now we're fine, And I love you, I swear that's true. I cannot live without you.</p>
<p><b>Verse 3</b></p> <p>And I still hold your hand in mine. In mine when I'm asleep. And I will bare my soul in time, When I'm kneeling at your feet. [...] I'm so hollow, baby, I'm so hollow. I'm so, I'm so, I'm so hollow.</p>	<p><b>Chorus</b></p> <p>Goodbye my lover Goodbye my _____ You have been the _____ You have been the _____ for me</p>

**B. Working on Meaning**

1- Find the synonyms or antonyms for the following words in *Verse 1*

Synonyms	Antonyms
To end = .....	Make (someone) happy ≠ .....
To pay attention = .....	The beginning ≠ .....
Sightless = .....	
Scent / Perfume = .....	
Obsessed = .....	

2- Make a list of the words linked to the body (*in the whole song*). Why are those words important?

Body Parts	Body-related Verbs	Other body-related Words
- .....	- .....	- .....
- .....	- .....	- .....
- .....	- .....	- .....
- .....	- .....	
- .....	- .....	
- .....	- .....	

Comments: .....

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3- Find 4 elements in *Verse 2* showing that things are different now.

- ..... - .....

- ..... - .....

4- Highlight in the lyrics the repetitions of the same words. What are those words? What does it reveal about the character's state of mind?

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5- Pick out some other elements from the lyrics enhancing the same idea. Give a title to this semantic network.

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- ..... - .....

6- Highlight in the lyrics all the phrases proving that the character is still deeply attached to his lover

7- The *last verse* is much shorter than the other 2. Can you find an explanation?

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**C- Working on Grammar**

1- Make a list of the tenses used in the song. What evolution in the tenses can you see?

2- Why is it important for the meaning of the song?

