“I Need Love” by LL Cool J

When I'm alone in my room
Sometimes I stare at the wall
And in the back of my mind
I hear my conscience call
Telling me I need a girl who's as sweet as a dove
For the first time in my life, I see I need love
There I was, giggling about the games
That I had played with many hearts and I'm not saying no names
Then the thought occurred, Tear drops made my eyes burn
As I said to myself, "Look what you've done to her"
I can feel it inside, I can't explain how it feels
All I know is that I'll never dish another raw deal
Playing make believe, pretending that I'm true
Holding in my laugh as I say that I love you
Saying amore, kissing you on the ear
Whispering "I love you" and "I'll always be near"
Although I often reminisce, I can't believe that I've found
A desire for true love, floating around
Inside my soul, because my soul is cold
One half of me deserves to be this way till I'm old
But the other half, needs affection and joy
And the warmth that is created by a girl and a boy
I need love

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Romance, sheer delight, how sweet
I've got to find me a girl to make my life complete
You can scratch my back, we'll get cozy and huddle
I'll lay down my jacket so you can walk over a puddle
Give you a rose, pull out your chair before we eat
Kiss you on the cheek and say "Ooh girl, you're so sweet"
It's De Ja Vu, whenever I'm with you
I can go on forever telling you what I'll do
But where you at? You're neither here nor there
I swear, I can't find you anywhere
Damn sure you ain't in my closet, or under my rug
This love search, is really making me bugged
And if you know who you are, why don't you make yourself seen?
Take a chance with my love and you'll find out what I mean
Fantasies can run, but they can't hide
And when I find you I'ma pour all my love inside
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I wanna kiss you, hold you, never scold you, just love you
If you're not standing next to me you're on the phone
Can't you hear it in my voice? I need love bad
I've got money but love's something I never had
I need your ruby red lips, sweet face and all
I love you more than a man, who's ten feet tall
I watch the sun rise, in your eyes
We're so in love, when we hug, we become paralyzed
Our bodies explode in extacy unreal
You're as soft as a pillow and I'm as hard as steel
It's like a dream land, I can't lie, I've never been there
Maybe this is an experience that me and you can share
Clean and unsoiled, yet sweaty and wet
I swear to you, this is something I'll never forget
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See what I mean? I've changed, I'm no longer
A playboy on the run, I need something that's stronger
Friendship, trust, honor respect, admiration
This whole experience has been such a revelation
It's taught me love, and how to be a real man
To always be considerate and do all I can
Protect you, you're my lady and you mean so much
My body tingles all over with the slightest touch
Of your hand, and understand, I'll be frozen in time
Till we meet face to face and you tell me you're mine
If I find you girl, I swear I'll be a good man
I'm not gonna leave it, in destiny's hand
I can't sit and wait, for my princess to arrive
I gotta struggle and fight, to keep my dream alive
I'd search the whole world for that special girl
And when I finally find you, watch our love unfurl
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Girl, listen to me.
When I be sitting in my room, all alone, staring at the wall,
Fantasies, they go through my mind.
And, I've come to realize that, I need true love.
And if you want to give it to me girl, make yourself seen.
I'll be waiting, I love you.

“Figure 8” by Ellie Goulding

Breathe your smoke into my lungs
In the back of the car with you I stare into the sun
Still not too old to die young
The lovers hold on to everything
And others hold on to anything

I chased your love around a figure 8
I need you more than I can take
You promised forever and a day
And then you take it all away
(And then you take it all away)

Place a kiss on my cheekbone
Then you vanish me
I'm buried in the snow
But something tells me I'm not alone
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So, Lovers hold on to everything
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Discussion Questions:

1. What are the songs saying about love?
2. Do the songs differ or agree in their views about love? How?
3. Do you agree or disagree with the songs? Why?
4. Male vs. Female perspective?
5. How do they relate to *Romeo and Juliet*? To the decision making articles we read?

**SONNET 4**

Unthrifty loveliness, why dost thou spend
Upon thyself thy beauty's legacy?
Nature's bequest gives nothing but doth lend,
And being frank, she lends to those are free.
Then, beauteous niggard, why dost thou abuse
The bounteous largess given thee to give?
Profitless usurer, why dost thou use
So great a sum of sums, yet canst not live?
For having traffic with thyself alone,
Thou of thyself thy sweet self dost deceive.
Then how, when Nature calls thee to be gone,
What acceptable audit canst thou leave?
   Thy unused beauty must be tomb'd with thee,
   Which, used, lives th' executor to be.

**SONNET 29**

When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone beweep my outcast state,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
And look upon myself, and curse my fate,
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featur'd like him, like him with friends possess'd,
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least;
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee, and then my state,
Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;
For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.

**SONNET 116**

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove:
O no; it is an ever-fixed mark,
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
   If this be error and upon me proved,
   I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

**Romeo and Juliet MixTape**

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