

Gotye: “Eyes Wide Open”

Gotye is a Belgian-born Australian multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter.

Watch the documentary clip “The Making of Eyes Wide Open” and answer the following questions:

Samples from “the musical _____” in outback Australia, formed the basis of the _____ line for the song ‘Eyes Wide Open’.

The song was then written on the _____, and that is still in the track, but a little bit buried in the mix.

The pedal _____ helped capture the sense of a lonely wasteland in the track.

Listen to ‘Eyes wide open’ WITHOUT watching the film clip.

Do you like the song? Why, or why not?

What instruments do you hear in the track?

Watch & Listen to ‘Eyes wide open’ with the film clip.

Did watching the film clip make you like the song more or less? Why, or why not?

What meaning do you think this song is trying to convey?

Does the use of sampled sounds help or hinder the message of the song?

Listen to some more of Gotye’s music. What other musicians are similar to him in their approach to music and song-writing?
