Look at the words of the song and challenge yourself to answer the questions.

This is Me –
The Greatest Showman

I am not a stranger to the dark
"Hide away," they say
"'Cause we don't want your broken parts"
I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars
"Run away," they say
"No one'll love you as you are"
But I won't let them break me down to dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me
Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me

Another round of bullets hits my skin
Well, fire away 'cause today, I won't let the shame sink in
We are bursting through the barricades and
Reaching for the sun (we are warriors)
Yeah, that's what we've become (yeah, that's what we've become)

Comprehension Challenge

What does the first line suggest about the singer's personality?

What do you think the words 'broken parts' and 'scars' refer to?

Why does she feel ashamed?

How does she feel about the way she is treated?

Why do you think the singer uses the pronouns 'we' and 'us' instead of 'I' or 'me'?

What does the word 'marching' suggest about her attitude?

Why do you think that she makes 'no apologies'?

In the line 'reaching for the sun', what do you think the 'sun' might symbolise?

Thinking

Why do you think the title for the song is 'This is me'? Is it effective?

What is the message of the song? How does this song reflect Jesus' message that people should be treated equally?

Have you ever felt like the singer of this song?

During the song, the singer is supported by a choir. Why do you think the songwriter did this?

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Can you change one word in every line of the song to make it your own?

Make sure that you:

- keep the message of the song the same;

- select appropriate words to change (e.g. Don't just change 'the', 'a' or 'I'!).