

Lyrics Review and Song Meaning of “Shallow”

Verse 1

The first verse of “Shallow” is performed by Bradley Cooper.

Bradley Cooper’s character-Jackson Maine is questioning Lady Gaga’s character-Ally if she is happy doing what she does right now. In the movie, at this point, Ally is working at a restaurant and occasionally does gigs at a bar, even though she is an extremely talented songwriter. So, Maine asks this girl if she is going to settle for what she has right now or reach for the stars, which he believes she can do.

Refrain

Bradley Cooper again vocalizes that he is falling in the good times. This may have a double meaning. On one hand, Jackson Maine is a seasoned musician turned alcoholic and party-holic and throwing his career away. On the other hand, he is falling for Ally. Both can be called ‘good times’ in a certain angle.

He also seeks help in his bad times and wants to change, which Ally helps with, in the movie.

Verse 2

Lady Gaga’s vocals begin!

Ally sees right through this tough and hardcore persona Jackson has built around himself. She directly questions him what kind of void is he trying to fill up with his ‘act.’ Jackson is at a loss of words in the face of her questions. Jackson knows it takes a lot to maintain his rockstar and hardcore persona, which is quite failing these days.

These lyrics explain the gist of the song from ‘A Star is Born.’

Lady Gaga explains what it is to dive in love in comparison to a dive into a swimming pool. The deep end symbolizes the safe haven of love and the shallow end represents the troubles in love. Jackson and Ally dive headfirst into this pool of love. They are in the diving end, so they are safe from hitting the ground (floor of the pool) which could be deadly.

Lady Gaga is very confident in saying she will “never meet the ground” which gives us hopes for their relationship.

“We are far from the shallow now” means that they are far away from the troubles of love many find themselves in. However, this is the beginning of their journey together. Both have to put in a lot of work to stay away from the shallow end.

“Crash through the surface” has an important meaning in the song as well as in the movie. Ally is not a Disney-princess-looking girl. In the movie a dialogue happens between the two that goes as;

Ally: Almost every single person has told me they liked the way I sounded but they didn't like the way I look.

Jackson: I think you're beautiful. – *'A Star is Born'*

This tells us that their love goes deeper than the surface looks. Hence, once they are beyond caring about how each other looks, there only is beauty on the inside. Nobody can hurt a person who sees their inner beauty rather than the outer looks.

We believe “Shallow” is not only an amazing collaboration of love and souls but also an important message to the society. Love should be spiritual. Love should not be skin-deep. This is what they prove throughout ‘A Star is Born’ movie.

Let us hear your thoughts and ideas about the song, performance and lyrics of “Shallow” by Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga. If you like this article, make sure to rate it and share with your friends.

Complete Lyrics to "Shallow" by Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga

[Verse 1: Bradley Cooper]

Tell me somethin', girl
Are you happy in this modern world?
Or do you need more?
Is there somethin' else you're searchin' for?

[Refrain: Bradley Cooper]

I'm fallin'
In all the good times
I find myself longing for change
And in the bad times, I fear myself

[Verse 2: Lady Gaga]

Tell me something, boy
Aren't you tired tryna fill that void?
Or do you need more?
Ain't it hard keepin' it so hardcore?

[Refrain: Lady Gaga]

I'm fallin'
In all the good times
I find myself longing for change
And, in the bad times, I fear myself

[Chorus: Lady Gaga]

I'm off the deep end, watch as I dive in
I'll never meet the ground
Crash through the surface where they can't hurt us
We're far from the shallow now

[Post-Chorus: Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper]

In the sha-ha, sha-la-low
In the sha-sha-la-la-la-low
In the sha-ha, sha-ha-ha-low
We're far from the shallow now

[Bridge: Lady Gaga]

Hoo, huh, uh, huhh-ow
Huh, huhh-huhhh

[Chorus: Lady Gaga]

I'm off the deep end, watch as I dive in

I'll never meet the ground

Crash through the surface where they can't hurt us

We're far from the shallow now

[Post-Chorus: Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper]

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Gapped Lyrics to "Shallow" by Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga

[Verse 1: Bradley Cooper]

Tell me somethin', girl
Are you happy in this _____ world?
Or do you need more?
Is there _____ else you're searchin' for?

[Refrain: Bradley Cooper]

I'm _____
In all the good times
I find myself _____ for change
And in the bad times, I fear myself

[Verse 2: Lady Gaga]

Tell me something, boy
Aren't you tired tryna fill that _____?
Or do you need more?
Ain't it hard _____ it so hardcore?

[Refrain: Lady Gaga]

I'm fallin'
In all the good times
I find myself longing for _____
And, in the bad times, I _____ myself

[Chorus: Lady Gaga]

I'm off the deep _____, watch as I dive in
I'll never meet the ground
_____ through the surface where they can't hurt us
We're far from the shallow now

[Post-Chorus: Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper]

In the sha-ha, sha-la-low
In the sha-sha-la-la-la-low
In the sha-ha, sha-ha-ha-low
We're far from the shallow now

[Bridge: Lady Gaga]

Hoo, huh, uh, huhh-ow
Huh, huhh-huhhh

[Chorus: Lady Gaga]

I'm off the deep end, watch as I _____ in

I'll never _____ the ground

Crash through the surface where they can't _____ us

We're far from the shallow now

[Post-Chorus: Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper]

In the sha-ha, sha-la-low

In the sha-ha, sha-la-la-la-low

In the sha-ha, sha-ha-low

We're far from the shallow now

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Modern	Dive	Model	Bear
Searching	Surface	Reaching	Five
Longing	Crash	Belonging	Surfing
Times	Ground	Rhymes	Crush
Void	Hurt	Avoid	Hound
Hardcore	deep	Voice	Bound
Fear		Face	Her
		Peep	Beer

1. Before you start, do you understand all given words? If not look them up;
2. Within groups of 2 or 3; collect the right words given in de tekst after you've heard them;
3. Fill in gapped tekst;
4. How many points earned? (and minus points for wrong collected);
5. Do you understand the meaning of this song? Find out within the group;
6. Read the review and compare it with your thoughts;
7. Can you refer yourself to this song? Yes, In what way? No, why not?
8. Are you happy in this modern world? Give your opinion with arguments in max 150 words. You can come up with personal events or global happenings.

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Cross out or highlight the words you heard

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