



Sing for Hull

With the Albemarle Broadband



Week 10 – Heroes (We Could Be)

Listening Activities

Heroes (We Could Be) was released by Swedish DJ and Music Producer **Alessandro Lindblad** under his stage name **Alesso**. It featured vocals from the Swedish singer **Tove Lo**, who also co-wrote the song. The Chorus uses lyrics featured in **David Bowie's** 1977 song *Heroes*, which he co-wrote with **Brian Eno**. This is why they are both also credited as co-writers of Alesso's 2014 track. Listen to *Heroes (We Could Be)* and answer these questions:

1. What genre do you think the song belongs to?
2. The first line of the chorus states '*We could be heroes*'. What do you think this means?
3. Read the lyrics of the song. Tove Lo, who wrote the lyrics was inspired by a TV show about people with superpowers. She remembered being a kid and wishing that she could do anything, like a superhero. Do you think the lyrics reflect this?
4. The song has a strong dance beat and a prominent electronic sound. Can you hear this? What instruments can you hear?
5. Can you think of any other dance tracks?
6. Can you identify the structure of the song using the terms: Intro, Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus and Bridge or Middle 8?
7. The song features some lyrics that are shared with David Bowie's song *Heroes*. Listen to this song as a contrast. Do you like it? Which do you prefer?
8. Do you like the song *Heroes (We Could Be)*? Can you describe why?

Heroes (We Could Be) – Did you know?

Alesso (Alessandro Lindblad) is a DJ who is famous for dance tracks and collaborations with other artists, such as *David Guetta*, *Calvin Harris* and *Anitta*. His music covers the genres *Progressive House*, *Electro House* and *Pop*. You can hear the electronic elements in his music, such as a drum machine, synthesiser, sequencer and sampler, which are mixed on a **Computer** or **Turn Tables**.