

**Stand By Me**

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Analyze how a poet uses techniques to communicate a theme. (CCSSR5 and 2)

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| <p>When the storm of life is raging<br/>Stand by me<br/>When the storm of life is raging<br/>Stand by me<br/>When the world is tossing me<br/>Like a ship upon the sea<br/>Thou who rulest wind and water<br/>Stand by me</p> <p>In the midst of tribulation<br/>Stand by me<br/>In the midst of tribulation<br/>Stand by me<br/>When the hosts of hell assail<br/>And my strength begins to fail<br/>Thou who never lost a battle<br/>Stand by me</p> | <p>In the midst of faults and failures<br/>Stand by me<br/>In the midst of faults and failures<br/>Stand by me<br/>When I do the best I can<br/>And my friends misunderstand<br/>Thou who knowest all about me<br/>Stand by me</p> <p>When I'm growing old and feeble<br/>Stand by me<br/>When I'm growing old and feeble<br/>Stand by me<br/>When my life becomes a burden<br/>And I'm nearing chilly Jordan<br/>O Thou "Lily of the Valley"<br/>Stand by me</p> |
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❖ *What is the theme of the song?*


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*Underline three parts of the song that support that idea.*

❖ *A technique is a way of using words to help people understand an idea.  
Tell about one technique you find in the song.*

*What is the technique?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How does the writer use that technique to help you understand the theme?*

*Think More: Illustrate the song or write your own song that communicates this theme.*