

## Listening Guide

### Foo Fighters

#### “Lyrics that Camus Would Call the Antidote of Absurdity”

1. Books is a word we're using to symbolize something bigger of which books are just a part, and that something bigger is this concept of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Today, \_\_\_\_\_ is still the preferred genre of 56% of the American population.
3. In \_\_\_\_\_, they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the very first year they were eligible.
4. During WWII, pilots, combat pilots, would be flying and if there were unidentified objects that they didn't know what they were they would refer to them as “\_\_\_\_\_”.
5. What we see is that the Foo Fighters in general, and Dave Grohl personal story in particular in every way embody Camus' idea that life is best lived fighting the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Dave Grohl was the drummer for the rock band \_\_\_\_\_.
7. He left this kind of suburban, highly educated lifestyle at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ and literally dropped out of high school to play the drums.
8. “It's better to burn out than to \_\_\_\_\_ away.”
9. The point I want to make by bringing up Dave's personal history is because it's here we see Grohl, like \_\_\_\_\_ choosing to fight, fight the absurd and choosing to fight philosophical suicide, not giving in, not giving up.
10. “I sang these back-ups over the phone at 2am after being woken up from a deep sleep in Chicago by Dave Grohl who was tracking the vocals for ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ in LA.”
11. “The only thing I'll ever ask of you  
You've got to promise not to stop when I say \_\_\_\_\_”.
12. If you notice there's a lot of repetition, and when you just read it, it may feel a little redundant, but when you add the \_\_\_\_\_, the repetition plays a different role.
13. And I want to point out that all good music that people love is always \_\_\_\_\_.
14. But Everlong, like all rock ballads, clearly is meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.
15. “\_\_\_\_\_ felt in a moment”
16. What \_\_\_\_\_ does is it tabulates the popularity of songs on a weekly basis.

17. Foo Fighters by \_\_\_\_\_ is no longer a one-man band.
18. Today the Foo Fighters is David Grohl, Chris Shiflett, Nate Mendel, Franz Stahl, Rami Jafee, Pat Smear, and until his untimely passing Tayler \_\_\_\_\_.
19. “Now I'm lookin' to the sky to save me  
Lookin' for a sign of \_\_\_\_\_”
20. “Make my way back home when I learn to \_\_\_\_\_”
21. There's a great word for songwriting that refers to the structure of it and that's prosody.
22. In July of 2015, over 1000 musicians gathered in a field in a little town of northeast \_\_\_\_\_, this little town called Cesena and together- in unison- all 1000 of them played this song “Learn to Fly”.
23. In May of \_\_\_\_\_, they released one most of the most recognizable and highly regarded of all Foo Fighters, “Best of You.”
24. “Were you born to resist or be \_\_\_\_\_?”
25. Well, first of all, the word “\_\_\_\_\_” is repeated 40 times.
26. \_\_\_\_\_ is emphasis.
27. “It's not about being \_\_\_\_\_, it's not about sounding absolutely correct, it's not about what goes on in a computer.”
28. “The simple act of creating music is a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ that ALL human beings are blessed with.”
29. Taylor, Nate, Chris, Pat, Rami, Chris, Franz, Will and Dave lead with their lyrics, their beat, their riffs, but also their \_\_\_\_\_.
30. “I don't say \_\_\_\_\_.”