Worksheet
“On the Road Again” Theme and Message

Name: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

1. Listen to “On the Road Again.” Read along using the lyric sheets.
2. Discuss the questions with a partner, then share your answers with the whole class.

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**On the Road Again**
*Willie Nelson*

On the road again
Just can’t wait to get on the road again.
The life I love is making music with my friends
And I can’t wait to get on the road again.

On the road again
Goin’ places that I’ve never been
Seein’ things that I may never see again
And I can’t wait to get on the road again.

   On the road again
   Like a band of gypsies we go down the highway
   We’re the best of friends
   Insisting that the world keep turning our way

And our way is on the road again.
Just can’t wait to get on the road again.
The life I love is makin’ music with my friends
And I can’t wait to get on the road again.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What is the theme or main subject of this song?
- What evidence from the song supports your position?
- The message is what the song says about the theme. What is the artist’s message about this theme? What does Willie Nelson think about being on the road?
- What evidence from the song supports your position?
- What do the lyrics imply how Willie Nelson feels when he is not on the road?
- What evidence from the song makes you think so?
1. Listen to “Forever and Ever, Amen” and “Love Stinks.” Read along below.

2. Answer the questions found on the second page of the worksheet.

**Forever and Ever, Amen**  
*Paul Overstreet / Don Schlitz*

You may think that I'm talking foolish  
You've heard that I'm wild and I'm free  
You may wonder how I can promise you now  
This love, that I feel for you, always will be

You're not just time that I'm killing  
I'm no longer one of those guys  
As sure as I live this love that I give  
Is gonna be yours until the day that I die – oh, baby

I'm gonna love you forever, forever and ever, amen  
As long as old men sit and talk about the weather  
As long as old women sit and talk about old men

If you wonder how long I'll be faithful  
I'll be happy to tell you again  
I'm gonna love you forever and ever, forever and ever, amen

They say time takes its toll on a body  
Makes a young girl's brown hair turn grey  
But honey, I don't care, I ain't in love with your hair  
And if it all fell out, well, I'd love you anyway

They say that time can play tricks on a memory,  
make people forget things they knew.  
well, it's easy to see it's happening to me  
I've already forgotten every woman but you – oh, darling

I'm gonna love you forever, forever and ever, amen  
As long as old men sit and talk about the weather  
As long as old women sit and talk about old men

If you wonder how long I'll be faithful  
well, just listen to how this song ends  
I'm gonna love you forever and ever, forever and ever, amen.

**Love Stinks**  
*Seth Justman / Peter Wolf*

You love her  
(love stinks)  
But she loves him  
love stinks yeah yeah  
And he loves somebody else  
(love stinks)  
You just can't win  
love stinks yeah yeah

And so it goes  
I've been through diamonds  
Till the day you die  
And I've been through minks  
This thing they call love  
I've been through it all  
It's gonna make you cry  
(love stinks)  
I've had the blues  
love stinks yeah yeah  
The reds and the pinks  
love stinks yeah yeah  
One thing for sure  
love stinks yeah yeah

(love stinks)  
love stinks yeah yeah  
(love stinks)  
love stinks yeah yeah

(love stinks)  
love stinks yeah yeah  
(love stinks)  
love stinks yeah yeah  
(love stinks)  
love stinks yeah yeah

Two by two and side by side  
love stinks, love stinks  
Love's gonna find you yes it is  
Yeah yeah  
You just can't hide  
(love stinks)  
You'll hear it call

Your heart will fall  
(love stinks)  
Then love will fly  
love stinks yeah yeah  
It's gonna soar  
love stinks yeah yeah

I don't care for any Casanova thing  
love stinks yeah yeah

All I can say is  
(love stinks)  
love stinks yeah yeah  
(love stinks)  
love stinks yeah yeah
Worksheet
Theme and Message (continued)

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THEME QUESTIONS:

1. What is the theme of “Forever and Ever, Amen”? What is your evidence?
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2. What is the theme of “Love Stinks”? What is your evidence?
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3. What is the message of “Forever and Ever, Amen”?
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4. What is the message of “Love Stinks”?
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5. Underline evidence in the lyrics of both songs to support your answers for questions 3 and 4.