

Who's Got Heart?

ABAB + Chorus Song Form

Active Reading Graphic Organizer:

Name of Individual/Subject of the Biography:								
Evidence from the text showing this individual demonstrated "great heart": <table border="1"> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table>								Adjectives/phrases to describe her character (see word bank if needed)

Additional "Great Heart" Adjectives						
Courageous	Inspired	Brave	Determined	Thoughtful	Generous	
			Creative			
Sensitive	Joyous / Joyful	Loving	Kind	Persistent	Uplifting	

ABAB + Chorus Text-Based Example:

Songwriter Dan Zanes wrote this song about Hellen Keller and her great heart characteristics.

HELEN KELLER

(Verse 1)

Facing adversity with **determination (A)**

Accepting help along the **way (B)**

One girl's story inspires a **nation (A)**

We still talk about her to this **day (B)**

Helen Keller! ← *Name*

She didn't give up ← *Description*

Helen Keller! ← *Name*

Her heart was steady and it was brave

She couldn't see or hear

When we think of all that she gave

Her generous spirit is certainly clear

Helen Keller!

She didn't give up

Helen Keller

If you're feeling down and out

And need some inspiration

Remember who this song is about

When you face life's situations

Helen Keller!

She didn't give up

Helen Keller

ABAB + Chorus Personal-Connection Example:

Songwriter Dan Zanes wrote this song about his wife Claudia Zanes and her great heart characteristics.

In option 1, Claudia's name is used as the hook. In option 2, her name and phrase are used together to form a hook. In the final option, the chorus is expanded into a complete four lines.

Option 1:

When she laughs I feel **uplifted (A)**
She finds the joy in **life (B)**
negativity is **shifted (A)**
I'm so grateful she's my **wife (B)**

Clau-di-a!

She's so kind to all her girlfriends
She's so thoughtful and sincere
On the weekdays and the weekends
Every minute of the year

Clau-di-a!

Option 2:

She has a generous spirit
And the courage to be real
If there's a problem she can hear it
And she's not afraid to feel

Clau-di-a! Her heart shines like the sun!

She celebrates the victories
Of the people that she knows
She lives with all the mysteries
And the funny way life goes

Clau-di-a! Her heart shines like the sun!

Option 3:

Thoughtful, kind, creative

Those are just a start

Always seeking excellence

I see it in her heart

Clau-di-a! An inspiration

Clau-di-a! A real sensation!

In a world that can be so tough

Her heart is always more than enough