

# Main Idea and Theme Chant

The main idea/ The main idea  
That's what the story's about, you see  
The theme/ The theme  
The point it seems  
The message as it applies to me

## Text Evidence to Support the Themes in *Love That Dog*

Potential Theme (Message or Lesson)			
Evidence 1:	Evidence 2:	Evidence 3:	Evidence 4:

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# *Love That Dog* Theme Song

Theme: It is important to be *ready* for anything life brings. This word is central to the entire book. The way that Jack discovers his creativity and his ability to express himself depends on his being “ready.” We can apply this to our own lives when we think about being ready to learn, to create, to open up our hearts and say what we’re feeling, to be honest, to make mistakes...sometimes, and even being ready to rock.

Let’s ask ourselves and each other if we’re ready for new learning, new expression, new understanding, so that we can enrich our lives and the lives of the people around us.

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**Theme:** For this example, we will use the word “ready” from our theme above as our starting point.

## **Song Structure:**

- Verses: Rhyming couplets based on evidence from the text, *Love That Dog*.
- Hook: Repetition of theme word (with added phrasing if desired).

**Rhyming Couplets:** Two consecutive lines in a poem or song that end in a rhyme. For example:

New **situations** (A)  
Call for **creations** (A)

When writing rhyming couplets, it's recommended you say them aloud to yourself so you can actively hear if the rhyme fits when sung aloud.

**Annotate the Example Theme Song:** Read the lyrics as you listen to the example song. Circle the pairs of rhyming couplets, underline evidence you recognize from the text, and put a star next to the theme.

**Write a Theme Song:** After analyzing the example, use the evidence you collected in your graphic organizer to write your own theme song about the book.

Then, use figurative language to write your own personal theme song about having heart in your everyday life! See the example “Heartbeat Theme Song” on the following pages.

# Ready? *A Love That Dog* Theme Song

Ready / Do you feel it?

Ready

Ready / Do you feel it?

Ready

New situations

Call for creations

Dreams are on fire

Lifting us higher

In any weather

Learning together

Imagination

And inspiration

In every hour

We're finding power

# Heartbeat Theme Song

Heartbeat / Can you feel it?  
Heartbeat /  
Heartbeat / can you feel it?  
Heartbeat

Sunshine and moonlight  
Daytime and long nights

Sleeping and waking  
Giving and taking

Dancing and singing  
While bells are ringing

Together we learn how  
Around and around now

Hills and the mountains  
Fields and the fountains

Music and motions  
Mountains and oceans