

## ROLLING IN THE DEEP (by ADELE)

SONGFACTS:

(Album: 21)

“Rolling In The Deep” is the first single from English singer-songwriter Adele’s second album *21*. Like *19*, the *21* title refers to Adele’s age at the time the songs were written. Adele described the song to *Spin Magazine* as a revenge to an unfaithful lover. “It’s me saying, ‘Get out of my house’ instead of me begging him to come back. It’s my reaction because I was told my life was going to be boring and lonely and rubbish, and that I was a weak person if I didn’t stay in a relationship,” she said.

Adele could have called this song “We Could Have Had It All.” Instead, she used another line in the chorus: “Rolling In The Deep.” What does it mean? She described it to *Rolling Stone* as “to have someone, always have someone, and you’re never on your own. If you’re ever in trouble you’ve always got someone who’s going to come and help you fight it. And that’s how I felt in the relationship: I thought that’s what I was always going to have, and it ended up not being the case.”

*21* debuted at #1 on the UK album chart in 2011 and it was the best selling album of 2011 in the US with sales of 4.8 million. Adele also scored the best-selling single of the year with this song. She was considered a music revelation.



### 1. Now listen to the song and fill in the blanks using the words in the box:

There’s a fire starting in my heart  
Reaching a \_\_\_\_\_ pitch,  
it’s bringing me out the dark  
Finally I can see you crystal clear  
Go ahead and \_\_\_\_\_ me out  
and I’ll lay your shit bare

See how I leave with every piece of you  
Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ the things that I will do

There’s a fire starting in my heart  
Reaching a \_\_\_\_\_ pitch  
And its bring me out the dark

The scars of your love \_\_\_\_\_ me of us  
They keep me thinking that we almost had it all  
The scars of your love they \_\_\_\_\_ me breathless  
I can’t help feeling  
We could have had it all  
Rolling in the deep  
You had my heart inside of your hand  
And you played it  
To the beat

Baby I have no \_\_\_\_\_ to be told  
But I’ve heard one of you  
And I’m gonna make your head burn  
Think of me in the depths of your despair  
Making a home down there  
It reminds you of the home we \_\_\_\_\_

The scars of your love \_\_\_\_\_ me of us  
They keep me thinking that we almost had it all  
The scars of your love they \_\_\_\_\_ me breathless  
I can’t help feeling  
*We could have had it all*  
*Rolling in the deep*  
*You had my heart inside of your hand*  
*And you \_\_\_\_\_ it*  
*To the beat*  
*(Bis)*

\_\_\_\_\_ your soul through every open door  
\_\_\_\_\_ your blessings to find what you look for  
Turned my sorrow into treasured gold  
You pay me back in kind and \_\_\_\_\_ just what you sow

We could have had it all  
We could have had it all  
It all, it all, it all,  
*We could have had it all*  
*Rolling in the deep*  
*You had my heart inside of your hand*  
*And you \_\_\_\_\_ it*  
*To the beat*  
*(Bis)*

*shared underestimate throw reap story*  
*fever - fever sell played - played count*  
*remind - remind leave - leave*

2. **Read the *songfacts* again and answer the following questions.**

1. Why is Adele's album called *21*?
  
2. Why did Adele write this song?
  
3. Which was another possible title for this song?
  
4. Summarize what the expression "*rolling in the deep*" means:
  
5. Was this song a success in the album charts? Explain.
  
6. Scan the text and find three sentences in the passive voice.

3. **Write a sentence in the present simple or past simple passive using the verbs that helped you complete the song.**

<i>share</i>	<i>underestimate</i>	<i>throw</i>	<i>reap</i>	<i>sell</i>	<i>play</i>	<i>count</i>	<i>remind</i>	<i>leave</i>
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E.g.: (share) *The sandwich was shared by the two friends.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Now enjoy these videos from YouTube. One is the original video of "Rolling In The Deep", sung by Adele; the other one is sung by *Los Vázquez Sounds*.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSokMPNiums>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fodWUjmehc>