

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>