



Song Analysis

Di-rect – Free

Don't wanna know the answers
why you don't know where to go
Don't wanna know the reasons
why you don't know where you are
makin it real, makin it last
I just wanna feel...

Free, free to change the world, I'm
Flying
I'm free, free to change the world

If the sky above was fallin'
And the sun was on the wing
You could hear the angels callin'
You could even hear 'm sing
Time feels right
Gotta loose the brakes
Cause it's all about decisions
That only you can take
Makin it real, and
Makin it last
It's time to reveal
We'll get us there...

I'm free, free to change the world,
I'm flying
I'm free, free to change the world

If the world is all against you
And you've got an aching heart
You can fear the devil's eyes
You can also play his part
The time seems right
Gotta loose the brakes
Cause it's all about the future
That only you can make
Makin it real, makin it last
It's time to reveal
We'll get us there...

I'm free, free to change the world,
I'm flying
I'm free, free to change the world

Free, free to change the world
I'm free, free to change the world
Free, (the time seems right
Gotta loose the brakes)
I'm free, (the time seems right
Gotta loose the brakes) free to
Change the world

On Di-rect

In 1999, it is drummer Jamie Westland who wants to form a band. He gets some help from his father and a local musician and in a few weeks time Di-rect is a done deal. Apart from Jamie, the band consists of the following members: singer Tim Akkerman, guitar player Frans 'Spike' van Zoest and bass player Bas van Wageningen. Already after their first rehearsal they felt a connection and the base for Di-rect was born.

They recorded a demo that contains five songs and they started doing live shows. During one of their shows a Dutch radio DJ, Rob Stenders, is present and picks up their song and plays it on national radio. This resulted in the interest of managements and record companies and a few weeks later, their first bit of airplay leads to a record deal with Dino Music/ EMI.

Their first single Just the Way I Do was released in 2001 off of their gold album Discover and the band played the big festivals like Pinkpop and Lowlands in 2002. Right after their debut album was deemed a hit record they released another album Over the Moon. The album's first single was titled Adrenaline, which was also the soundtrack for the movie Adrenaline.

They released another album in 2005: All Systems Go!, but their most current album is Di-rect. It was released on March 2nd and whether it proves to be a hit record remains to be seen.

See also: www.di-rect.nl, <http://www.myspace.com/direct1>, <http://www.di-rect-fansite.nl/>

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Literature, An Interpretation of the Lyrics

The promisingly positive title, as well as the overall seemingly positive attitude, loses some of its strength because of the first stanza: the speaker says that he (I'll stick to "he," as the whole band consists of men) doesn't want to know why the person he addresses feels lost. Instead he "just [wants] to feel [...] free to change the world." The speaker then goes on to paint a heroic picture of how we all have to take responsibility and make decisions for the best. He continues to say that however bad things may seem, you are in control of how you design the (/your) future: "[I]t's all about the future/ that only you can make." Because the start of this song is about not wanting to get involved in someone else's personal problems, you might say this song is about how everyone has to take responsibility for their own being. You could also say the speaker is avoiding responsibility: someone he knows feels miserable, and instead of being there for that person, he prefers to feel on top of the world; free to change the world. Of course, for real, complete, freedom there is always a high price to be paid, part of which must be lack of personal relationships. But would Di-rect really be questioning the price of complete freedom in this song? It might just be my prejudice, and perhaps they actually are...

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