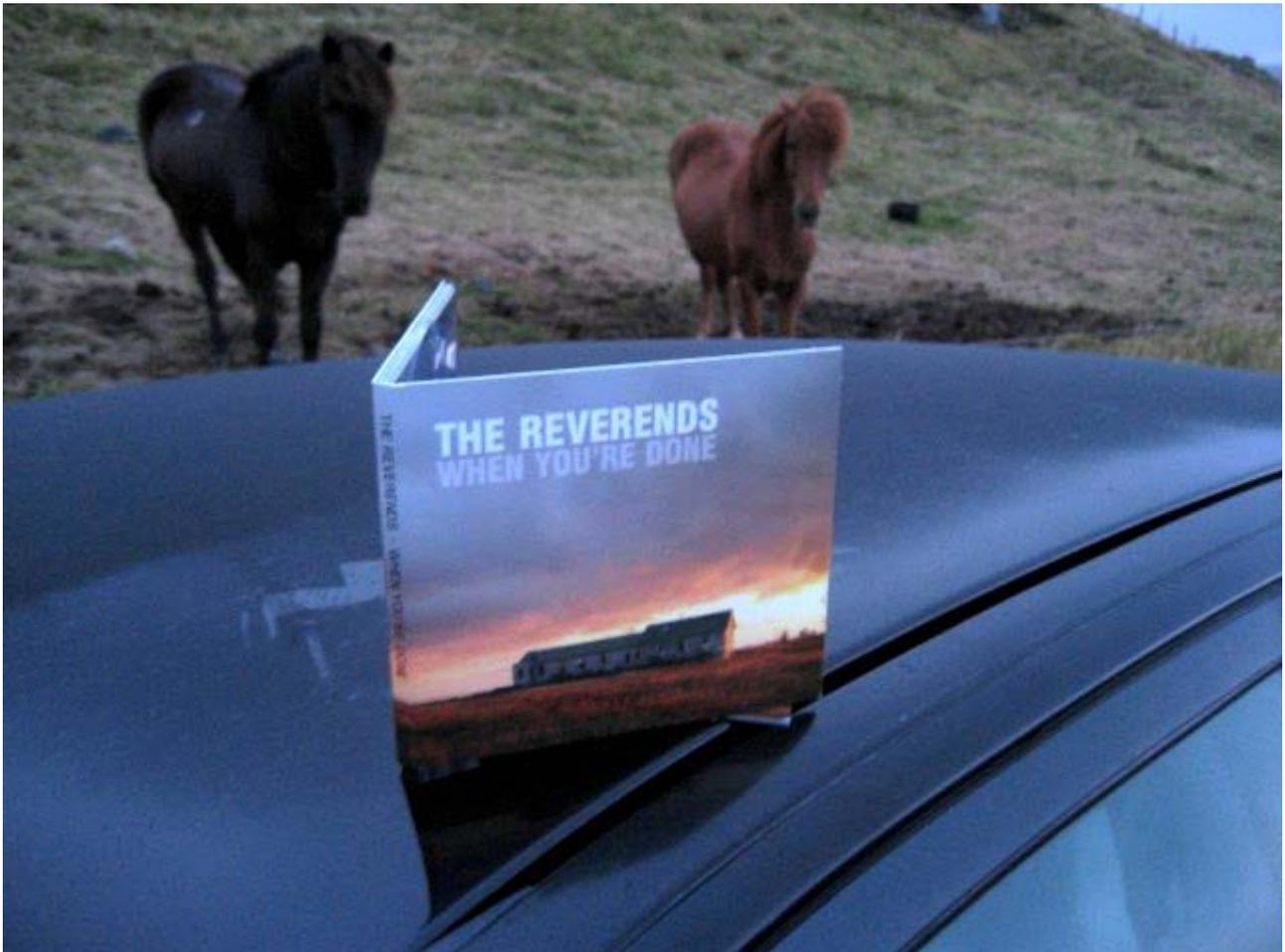


The Reverends: Jim, Jack and Bud

Essay assignment for high school students



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From album: *When You're Done, Tutl 2009*

Well, I came home one morning
I'd spent some quality time with my friends
We'd said our goodbyes
But I already miss them again.

I kissed the porch for a while
then I dragged myself inside
You'd gone to work
But you'd left me a nice note this time

Well, it's something that someone warned sometime yesterday
your life will turn to dust if you don't change your ways
but I ain't worried, cause when trouble shows up
I'll just call my friends, Jim, Jack and Bud

Now we have been through a lot
my buddies and I
at the first sign of trouble
they've always stood me by.

My wife, she never approved
I guess she wanted me all to herself
but don't try to keep your man down
cause he's bound to find new friends

Well it's something...

Now there comes a time in every man's life
When he has to walk through the desert alone
and he has to decide whether to
drink from the oasis or from the cacti
What am I saying? I really don't know.

Well, it's something...

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Lyrics by Niclas Thorsteinsson and Jens Virgar Jakobsen

Album: The song can be heard on album *When you're Done* (HJF190), released by Tutl 2009.

Website: The song also be heard on the The Reverend's website <http://www.thereverends.com>

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Listen to the song *Jim, Jack and Bud* and read the lyrics. Then answer the following 10 questions:

1. Who is the narrator?
2. Describe the narrator's whereabouts as presented in the first verse.
3. How is the narrator's general situation in the second verse?
4. What is the message in the refrain? Discuss the general idea of having a refrain in a song.
5. In the third verse, we read about the *First sign of trouble*. Explain the meaning of these words.
6. In the third verse *My buddies* are mentioned for the first time. Are they the aforementioned buddies *Jim, Jack and Bud* or someone else? How are they described and why?
7. Besides the three buddies, the narrator also has a wife. How is she and the general relation between the sexes described in the fourth verse?
8. The last verse is performed in a special way by putting forward two options. Describe these options. Then compare the content and style of this verse with the role of *The Stranger* in the movie 'The Big Lebowski' (Ethan & Joel Coen 1998).
9. Compare the general content of the song *Jim, Jack and Bud* by the Reverends with the following lyrics, which all are available on the internet: *What made Milwaukee Famous made a Loser out of Me, Tonight the Bottle let Me Down, There's a Tear in My Beer, Sunday Morning Coming Down, Piano Man, Bartender's Blues, God Loves a Drunk*. Are there any connecting themes and messages in these songs?
10. Describe the musical style of The Reverends as it appears in this song. What is the setting for their story about *Jim, Jack and Bud*?