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| Take Some Notes, Analyze what you see and hear. What Theme might be represented in this song?  How do you know? Underline or highlight the lyrics that support your idea. | | | |
| **Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday**  Southern trees bear strange fruit Blood on the leaves and blood at the root Black bodies swinging in the southern breeze Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees  Pastoral scene of the gallant south The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth Scent of magnolias, sweet and fresh Then the sudden smell of burning flesh  Here is fruit for the crows to pluck For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck For the sun to rot, for the trees to drop Here is a strange and bitter crop | **Notes:** | **Jena**  **By John Mellencamp**  An all white jury hides the executioner's face See how we are, me and you? Everyone here needs to know their place Let's keep this blackbird hidden in the flue  Oh oh oh Jena Take your nooses down  So what becomes of boys that cannot think straight Particularly those with paper bag skin Yes sir, no sir, we'll wipe that smile right off your face We've got our rules here and you must fit in.  Some day some way sanity will prevail But who knows when that day might come A shot in the dark, well it just might find its way To the hearts of those that hold the keys to kingdom come | **Notes:** |

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| **I Wonder When I Will Be Called a Man**  **By Big Bill Broonzy**  When I was born into this world, this is what happened to me I was never called a man, and now I'm fifty-three I wonder when will I get to be called a man Do I have to wait till I get ninety-three?  When Uncle Sam called me, I knowed I'd be called a real McCoy But I got none of this, they just called me soldier boy I wonder when will I get to be called a man Do I have to wait till I get ninety-three?  When I got back from overseas, that night we had a ball Next day I met the old boss, he said "Boy get you some overalls" I wonder when will I get to be called a man Do I have to wait till I get ninety-three?  I've worked on the levee camps, and axer gangs too Black man's a boy, don't care what he can do I wonder when will I get to be called a man  Do I have to wait till I get ninety-three?  They said I was uneducated, my clothes were dirty and torn Now I've got a little education, but I'm still a boy right on I wonder when will I get to be called a man Do I have to wait till I get ninety-three? | **Notes:** | **Final Conclusions:**  **What theme do these songs share?**  **How do you know? Support yourself with evidence from the songs.**  **How might these songs represent a theme from the novel? Make a text-to-text connection to bring together the novel and the theme shared by these songs.** |