

"Eleanor Rigby"

A song written by the Beatles

Ah, look at all the lonely people
Ah, look at all the lonely people

Eleanor Rigby picks up the rice in the church where a wedding has been
Lives in a dream
Waits at the window, wearing the face that she keeps in a jar by the door
Who is it for?

All the lonely people
Where do they all come from?
All the lonely people
Where do they all belong?

Father McKenzie writing the words of a sermon that no one will hear
No one comes near
Look at him working, darning his socks in the night when there's nobody there
What does he care?

All the lonely people
Where do they all come from?
All the lonely people
Where do they all belong?

Ah, look at all the lonely people
Ah, look at all the lonely people

Eleanor Rigby died in the church and was buried along with her name
Nobody came
Father McKenzie wiping the dirt from his hands as he walks from the grave
No one was saved

All the lonely people
(Ah, look at all the lonely people)
Where do they all come from?
All the lonely people
(Ah, look at all the lonely people)
Where do they all belong?

You can listen to the song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5eMM2yJg98>

1. What type of people are we directed to look at?

2. What does Father Mackenzie do to his socks?

3. Who came to Eleanor Rigby's funeral?

4. What do you think this song is about and why?

5. Look at the first verse about Eleanor Rigby. Why might she pick up the rice after a church service? Do you think she contributes to her loneliness? Why? Why not?

6. Find a copy a phrase that shows Father Mackenzie is lonely too.

7. Summarise the meaning of this song. Write your summary in a maximum of two sentences.
