



MTO 23.2 Examples: Sterbenz, Movement, Music, Feminism

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Example 2. Tyler, The Creator, "Yonkers" lyrics

Verse 1

I'm a fuckin' walkin' paradox, no I'm not
Threesomes with a fuckin' triceratops, Reptar
Rappin' as I'm mockin' deaf rock stars
Wearin' synthetic wigs made of Anwar's dreadlocks
Bedrock, harder than a motherfuckin' Flintstone
Makin' crack rocks out of pussy nigga fishbones
This nigga Jasper trying to get grown
About 5'7" of his bitches in my bedroom
Swallow the cinnamon, I'm a scribble this sin and shit
While Syd is telling me that she's been getting intimate with men
(Syd, shut the fuck up) Here's the number to my therapist
(Shit) Tell him all your problems, he's fuckin' awesome with listenin'

[Instrumental hook]

Verse 2

Jesus called, he said he's sick of the disses
I told him to quit bitchin' and this isn't a fuckin' hotline
For a fuckin' shrink, sheesh I already got mine
And he's not fuckin' workin', I think I'm wastin' my damn time
I'm clockin' three past six and going postal
This the revenge of the dicks, that's nine cocks that cock nines
This ain't no V Tech shit or Columbine
But after bowlin', I went home for some damn Adventure Time
(What'd you do?) I slipped myself some pink Xannies
And danced around the house in all-over print panties
My mom's gone, that fuckin' broad will never understand me
I'm not gay, I just wanna boogie to some Marvin

Verse 3

(What you think of Hayley Williams?)
Fuck her, Wolf Haley robbin' them
I'll crash that fucking airplane that that faggot nigga B.o.B is in
And stab Bruno Mars in his goddamn esophagus
And won't stop until the cops come in

[Pause]

I'm an over achiever, so how about I start a team of leaders
And pick up Stevie Wonder to be the wide receiver
Green paper, gold teeth and pregnant golden retrievers
Is all I want, fuck money, diamonds and bitches, don't need 'em
But where the fat ones at? I got somethin' to feed them
It's some cooking books, the black kids never wanted to read 'em
Snap back, green ch-ch-chia fuckin' leaves
It's been a couple months, and Tina still ain't perm her fuckin' weave, damn

[Instrumental hook]

Figure 1. Tyler, The Creator, “Yonkers” intro silhouette



Figure 2. Four photographs from Tyler, The Creator’s Instagram account, including a *Cherry Bomb* album cover (top left)



Figure 3. A photograph from Tyler, The Creator’s Instagram account (left), and the “White Pride” symbol (right)



Table 1. Vocal flow and movement groupings

"I'm a fuckin' walkin' paradox."	open posture
"No, I'm not,"	concave posture
"Threesomes with a fuckin triceratops."	open posture, right hand moves up to the Reptar position

Figure 4. “Sheesh I already got mine” (top), and “Wasting my damn time” (bottom) from “Yonkers”



Figure 5. “Yonkers” ending

