

## CHAPTER 8 - SONG ANALYSIS SHEET no. 2

### "UPUAN"

Instruction: Listen to the attached video of the song. On the spaces provided, write your short thematic interpretation on the lyrics situating yourself in the present politico-economic set up.

I.

Kayo po na naka upo,  
Subukan nyo namang tumayo  
At baka matanaw, at baka matanaw na nyo  
Ang tunay na kalagayan ko

**Stanza Interpretation: These people sit in the comfort of political power and are not standing up for their duties and responsibilities. In contrast, the people whom they govern are the ones who continue to suffer for their incompetence.**

II.

Tao po, nandyan po ba kayo sa loob ng  
Malaking bahay at malawak na bakuran  
Mataas na pader pinapaligiran  
At naka pilang mga mamahaling  
sasakyan  
Mga Patay na laging bulong ng bulong  
Wala namang kasal pero marami ang  
naka barong  
Lumakas man ang ulan ay walang butas  
ang bubong  
Mga plato't kutsara na hindi kilala ang  
tutong  
At ang kanin ay simputi ng gatas na nasa

kahon  
At kahit na hindi pasko sa lamesa ay  
may hamon  
Ang sarap sigurong manirahan sa bahay  
na ganyan  
Sabi pa nila ay dito mo rin matatagpuan  
Ang tao na nagmamay-ari ng isang  
upuan  
Na pag may pagkakatao'y pinag-  
aagawan  
Kaya naman hindi niya pinakakawalan  
Kung makikita ko lamang siya ay aking  
sisigawan

**Stanza Interpretation: It depicts the state of living in two extremes- the rich and the poor, and the cyclical effect of corruption on our nation. That hard work doesn't necessarily guarantee a better life. On one end, one accumulated the good life so quickly, and on the other, no matter how hard one works, it doesn't seem to be so rewarding. Politics is one of the most brutal battles in society. Many are dying because of this. They are killing each other for a position. The chair that has brought the rich to his current state is sought by many; he will do all it takes to protect and stay in his precious seat.**

III.

Mawalang galang na po  
Sa taong naka upo,  
Alam niyo bang pantakal ng bigas namin  
ay di puno

Ang ding-ding ng bahay namin ay  
pinagtagpi-tagping yero  
Sa gabi ay sobrang init na tumutunaw  
ng yelo  
Na di kayang bilhin upang ilagay sa

inumin  
Pinakulong tubig sa lumang takuring  
uling-uling  
Gamit lang panggatong na inanod  
lamang sa istero  
Na nagsisilbing kusina sa umaga'y aming  
banyo  
Ang aking inay na may kayamanan isang  
kaldero  
Na nagagamit lang pag ang aking ama ay  
sumweldo  
Pero kulang na kulang parin,  
Ulam na tuyo't asin

Ang singkwenta pesos sa maghapo'y  
pagkakasyahin  
Di ko alam kung talagang maraming  
harang  
O mataas lang ang bakod  
O nagbubulag-bulagan lamang po kayo  
Kahit sa dami ng pera niyo  
Walang doktor na makapagpapalinaw  
ng mata niyo  
Kaya...

**Stanza Interpretation: But as politicians attain higher financial status, the state of the underprivileged in society is getting poorer. Most of them cannot afford three meals a day, and they even consider rice as a treat. They vote those politicians in hopes that they fulfill a promise- to deliver them from oppression and lead them to a better life. Every election is a new agenda and a new promise that will soon be broken. These corrupt-minded officials are completely blinded of what is right and just, of what obligation it entails to hold such power because of their selfish desires and greed.**

BIG QUESTION : As a Filipino citizen, what are the simple yet purposeful acts that you can do to contribute for the nation's development. PROVIDE 2 WAYS.

**A better world starts with yourself. Being a responsible and active citizen, I can contribute to my country's betterment. It is emulated when attending to my personal and filial responsibilities, paying taxes, respecting our laws, caring for the environment, voting, and campaigning for those leaders who have a clean conscience and great vision for this country's future. By merely doing these simple acts, it influences my fellow countrymen to do the same. I will also do my best to obtain my bachelor's degree. Learning more adds value in a professional environment, growing to leadership positions, which can trickle down to the nation's development. The sooner I get my professional qualifications, the earlier I can also undoubtedly contribute to society.**