Heroes



Heroes is a song written by Brian Eno and David Bowie in 1977 and sung by David Bowie himself. The title is a reference to the 1975 track "Hero" of by a German band, Neu!, whom both admired by both the two composers admired.

The setting is Berlin and of course the wall in the song is the one which divided dividing the city into two sides during the cold war.

During the Seventies, Bowie moved to Berlin in order to move away from the excesses of his life of his Los Angeles life where he had droge suffered from drugs and alcohol problems.



He said that Heroes was inspired by the sight of two lovers (his producer Tony Visconti and the vocalist Antonia Maas) kissing secretly by the Wall. They probably were forced to meet separately secretly because they were lovers as Tony Visconti was married.

Tony Visconti and David Bowie

That peculiar situation gave Bowie the opportunity to talk sing about a the love story of a couple who were forced compelled to live separately in Berlin.

It seems It sounds as if they are talking about their conditions, trying to fight against the political situation of their times. They wish to be a queen and a king and so that they could beat "them" (the politicians?). They dream of being as free as dolphins. They also imagine themselves to be as an normal ordinary couple of lovers (And you, you can be mean/ And I, I'll drink all the time).

In their tragedy (the line "Though nothing, will keep us together" is repeated several times over and over again in the lyrics) they try to believe they can be heroes just for one day by standing being together and kissing by the wall, while even if/despite the guns shoot above their heads.

This is. However this is only an illusion: the reality the truth is that they finally should have to finally go away from each other separate to be safe.