**I WISH YOU PEACE – TEXTUAL ANALYSIS**

The object of the present work is to discuss and analyse the song *I Wish You Peace* by Eagles.

The reader and/or listener’s attention is immediately drawn by the title, because it’s an unusual greeting to wish to someone, indeed you do not usually wish peace as you wish a good day, a good night or even a happy new year.

The intelligent reader, therefore, wonders why the speaking voice is wishing peace and what does that actually mean.

It follows that the analysis of the poem is meant to answer the above-mentioned questions.

In order to reach the goal the present work will develop a structural analysis first, and on a second moment will consider how connotative choices add to the meaning.

Just looking at the lay out the song is arranged into only two stanzas of different length, one verse and one chorus. There’s no regular pattern, indeed the text is organized in free verse.

Hence, the intelligent reader may be curious about the reason why the speaker chose to minimise the text of the song, as a consequence creating a repetition.

The verse is arranged into eight lines.

The rhyme pattern strikes the reader’s attention and divides the first stanza in four groups of two lines.

Indeed, as far as syntax is concerned, the reader can see the anaphoric structure “I wish you”, “I wish you”, “I wish you” and “I wish you”, which focuses the reader’s attention on the topic of the song, a greeting towards someone who’s addressed as “you”.

Using “you”, the speaking voice hint that the addressee could be both the reader or a specific person.

The speaker wishes “peace”, “comfort”, “hope” and “shelter”, that acquire the metaphorical meaning of a way out from rough times.

The chorus, which is organized into six lines, is repeated twice, in order to sticks in the listener’s mind.

You can easily notice that there’s a pattern deviation from the previous stanza, indeed the anaphoric structure “I wish you” is interrupted in the second group of two lines and is repeated twice in the last group. Furthermore, still in the last group the noun “strength” is used twice, hence the speaking voice endorse the wish “I wish you strength” as if it were the most important greeting.

Indeed, the speaker wishes the addressee in the darkest times the strength not to refuse love, on the contrary to accept it and let it grow.

In conclusion, the message suggested by the song is that, when in rough times you feel lonely you can find comfort in the song’s words and also the strength not to isolate yourself from others and the word, considering that is a very common behaviour from hurt people.