

# Tying It Together: Music, Reading, and Writing

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## APPENDIX A: Cloze Text

*Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree*

Please choose the correct word or phrase from the box.

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ home, I've done my time  
Now I've got to know what is and isn't mine  
If you received my \_\_\_\_\_ telling you I'd soon be free  
Then you'll know just what to do  
If you still \_\_\_\_\_ me  
If you still \_\_\_\_\_ me  
Whoa, tie a \_\_\_\_\_ round the old \_\_\_\_\_  
It's been three long years  
Do ya still want me (still want me)?  
If I don't see a ribbon round the old oak tree  
I'll \_\_\_\_\_ on the bus  
Forget about us  
Put the blame on me  
If I don't see a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree  
Bus driver, please look for me  
'Cause I couldn't bear to see what I might see  
I'm really still in \_\_\_\_\_  
And, my love, she holds the key  
A simple yellow ribbon's what I need to set me free  
I wrote and told her \_\_\_\_\_  
Whoa, tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree  
It's been three long years  
Do ya still want me (still want me)?  
If I don't see a ribbon round the old oak tree  
I'll stay on the bus  
Forget about us  
Put the blame on me  
If I don't see a \_\_\_\_\_ round the old oak tree  
[Instrumental Interlude]  
Now the whole damned bus is \_\_\_\_\_  
And I can't believe I see  
A \_\_\_\_\_ yellow ribbons round the old oak tree  
I'm comin' home, mmm, mmm  
(Tie a ribbon round the old oak tree) 6x

**APPENDIX B: Vocabulary List**

**Part One**

Terminal  
Vanish  
Tides  
Plain  
Stained  
Ill-fitting  
Cocoon  
Captain  
Navy  
Swig  
Retreat

**Part Two**

Insist  
Chatter  
Hesitation  
Bluntness  
Parole

**Part Three**

Cracked  
Snapshot  
Hushed  
Ex-con  
Fortify  
Solitude  
Clench  
Triumph  
Exaltation  
Stunned  
Billow

**APPENDIX C: *Postreading Discussion Questions***

1. Where is the singer?
2. What does one yellow ribbon mean to the singer?
3. What is it like to be in prison? Why have 3 years been a long time?
4. Why is the singer afraid to look for the yellow ribbon?
5. How can a yellow ribbon set the singer free?
6. Why does the whole bus cheer?
7. What does it mean to the singer that there are 100 yellow ribbons on the tree?